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## Students work to prevent food waste

By Jonathan Moynihan  
Staff Writer

Feeding more than 3,000 people every day, the Salisbury University Commons is the number one destination for food on campus. Faculty, staff and students enjoy the pleasant and enjoyable eating environment. However, a large amount of wastefulness is going on alarmingly unnoticed.

Over a matter of minutes in front of the conveyor belt, you can see countless half eaten sandwiches, whole bananas, cartons of French fries and barely touched salads as they are sent to be thrown away. The dish room, where the food is taken from the trays and thrown away, smells like a fridge full of leftovers. It's a looming smell that ingrains itself into your nostrils and stays on your clothes long after you've left.

The Commons is home to some of the best college food in the country, and yet its patrons still find it difficult to finish all of the food that they themselves choose to take.

According to the Director of Auxiliary Services, Paul Land, SU has been making efforts to conserve food and to decrease waste for years. Disappointingly, many efforts have stalled due to the incredibly large amount of food needed to satisfy the Commons. There are several proposals that the university have investigated, most ending without continuation.

"We used to have a contract with



Sarah Lake photo

Sous-chef Matt Conley weighs food wasted by students in the Commons.

an off-campus compost company. They took the food waste, but we were sending too much for them to handle, so the contract was not renewed," Land said. "There was no where else that would take it."

The Commons orders from Sysco Foods three times a week in order to keep an adequate amount of food on hand at all times. To give an idea of how much food is wasted in a single day, by 2:30 in the afternoon, the facility has already

filled a 44 gallon tub of excess product. By the end of dinner, another 44 gallon tub will be filled. Then the tubs are taken out to the dumpsters to be thrown away, said Commons Director Doug Jones.

The tubs smell like a trash can. Filled with chopped-up leftovers, vegetables and other non-water-soluble foods, the bright yellow containers rest at the end of "the pulper," where the excess food is sorted between soluble and non-

soluble items. This product is then sent to either a drain, or the yellow tubs of muck. Jones said in the past these tubs were sent to a specified dumpster for the compost companies to remove, but plastics and recyclables found their way into the dumpsters making it unable to be processed.

"It's possible that the local residents were dumping extra trash or materials into the dumpsters, but it's only speculation. We don't exactly know how the plastics got in there, but the compost company couldn't use it after that," Jones said. "The amount of food we were going through was way too much. That was the main issue."

"We used to donate food on a very regular basis to homeless shelters in the area. This was stopped mostly due to health department concerns, specifically that the food was not being held properly in the correct temperature zones," Land said.

Since these efforts have been stopped, several environmental student groups are working to offer new proposals in eliminating food waste at the Commons. Students in a Globalization and Social Change course have grouped together to investigate the possibilities of organic produce at the Commons.

"This is a long term goal, but we have to start small," said Lili Afkhami, group leader and SGA President. "We're looking into some farming properties that could

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## Over 300 SU students participate in Big Event



Sarah Lake photo

Senior Jenny Garrison scoops trash out of the river in Salisbury City Park.

By Sarah Janoske  
Staff Writer

Students gathered together on April 19

to clean up the Salisbury community, one yard at a time for the Big Event. About 325 students and 35 organizations came together to rake leaves, wash

windows and do some painting at houses neighboring the campus.

"We ended up having fifty-two jobs all around the community. Our goal for this year was to get over fifty jobs and we definitely met that," said Sean Jones, the Vice President of University Affairs for the Student Government Association and the chair of this year's Big Event.

To get the students excited to do yard work on a Saturday morning, Jones and the SGA had their hands full.

"We had the President speak, as well as Dr. Ellen Neufeldt, the Vice President of Student Affairs, to motivate and thank the students. It's not easy to get students to come out at 8 in the morning, so we had to get them excited," Jones said.

It took a lot of work for the SGA to have the day run smoothly and to motivate students. Both students and the surrounding community benefit from an event that helps clean up the yards and

environment that the students have become a part of.

When planning for the Big Event, there were some small problems that had to be worked out from the previous years. Jones and the rest of the SGA had to make sure that the requests for jobs community members wanted students to complete were within the guidelines of what the students could accomplish in the day.

"We didn't have any big issues. As a whole, we're really happy with how it all turned out. It went smoothly. Everything and everyone was where they were supposed to be, it was just a busy day from the very beginning," Jones explained.

The goals for this year's Big Event were met. The SGA hopes that in the years to follow the event will grow to become a day that both students and the community look forward to sharing and that participation will continue to grow.

## Faculty members receive Regents Award of Excellence

By Alex Ruoff  
Staff Writer

Three SU professors have each received the Regents Award of Excellence, considered to be one of the greatest honors bestowed by the University System of Maryland.

Dr. Michael Scott, Dr. Robert Dombrowski and Jinchul Kim have been recognized for public service, mentoring and teaching, respectively, by the regents.

Dr. Scott, associate professor in the Geography and Geosciences department and founder of the nation's first Master of Science in Geographic Information Systems and Public Administration, received his public service award for his work with the Eastern Shore Regional Geography Information Systems Cooperative (ESRGC).

"What excites me about this award is that it gives me a chance to honor my team at the GIS Cooperative," Scott said. "I get a chance to give them the credit that they are due. The regents let everyone hear about innovative and creative projects that are out there."

Scott co-chairs the Pemberton Hall Foundation's capital campaign, serving as treasurer since 2003. He is a member of the Double Mills, Inc. Advisory Board, the Westside Historical Society and the Edward H. Nabb Research Center for Delmarva History and Culture Advisory Board. Scott has also assisted PAC 14's Digitizing Delmarva Heritage and Tradition Program, which works to preserve local history.

Dr. Dombrowski was given the award for mentoring in recognition of his mentoring project, the Community Service Financial Consulting Project. Dombrowski was chair of the

Accounting and Legal Studies Department from 1992-2004 and is currently a professor in the same department.

The project gives SU students the chance to work as professional accountants for non-profit organizations.

"I'm satisfied with it and the students enjoy it," Dombrowski said. "They recognize its value as well, sometimes more so after they leave and have some experience."

This was the second time Jinchul Kim was nominated for a Regents award, previously nominated for public service.

"It is a great honor to be nominated and win for teaching," Kim said. "My students are everything...this is very meaningful for me. The students are the



Publications photo

L to R: Dr. Scott, Kim and Dr. Dombrowski

owners of the university and they helped me get this."

Kim is an associate professor in the Fine Arts Department, focusing on drawing and painting. He is an award-winning artist with exhibits throughout the world. Kim has coordinated the senior art show since coming to SU in 1996.

## Kent County plant setting precedent in combating pollution problems

By Matthew J. Harhai  
Staff Writer

Jim Newton, an Environmental Program Manager, spoke last Thursday about his Kent County Delaware Wastewater Treatment Plant recognized by the EPA for exemplary environmental practices.

The sewage treatment facility has recently obtained ISO 14001 and OHSAS 18001 environmental ratings. ISO 14001 is an internationally recognized environmental management system rating in which specific goals such as policy requirements and environmental objectives are met.

The plant also obtained National Biosolids Partnership certification, which employs the plant to complete interim biosolid audits. Biosolids are sludge or sewage that is have been through a wastewater plant's refining process.

The nationally recognized plant is the first wastewater facility to possess all



Leslie Pusey photo

Env. Program Manager Jim Newton

three of these certifications at the same time; NBP recognition in December of 2005 and ISO/OSHAS recognition in January of 2006.

"My treatment plant team realizes that every activity has an environmental consequence," Newton said. "And we try to take that into account when running our facility."

Newton and the environmental department at his treatment plant run an EHS-MS, an environmental health and safety management program. This program consists of an organizational structure, procedures and resources that are used to observe environmental policies, goals and responsibilities, according to Newton.

The goal of EHS-MS is to reduce the plant's footprint over time for the benefit of the environment. A footprint is the effect an energy consuming entity has on the environment.

EHS-MS for Kent County has many benefits. Economically Kent County benefits because operating costs can be reduced through "efficient use of resources, being more competitive, and keeping sewer rates lower longer," Newton said.

EHS-MS also allows for the "transfer of tribal knowledge, as personnel retire or leave, because we have organizational standards for our facility," Newton said. This will allow the plant to streamline its knowledge from one employee to next, cutting down on training time.

"We have not had a spill in the last five years," Newton said.

These accomplishments come at a time when Wicomico County and the city of Salisbury are under severe scrutiny for their recent wastewater spills. Two spills have taken place in the last three months.

Both spills reached the Wicomico River before workers could stop the pollution. The first spill took place in on Feb. 7. The second took place on March 23 and let 28,000 gallons of sewage flood into the river.

Among the Kent County Plant's goals, Newton said they hope to reduce air pollution due to sodium dioxide 50 percent by June of this year and energy consumption 20 percent by 2010.

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## News briefs

### Study in Paris

January 2009 in Paris! What a great New Year's Resolution! Come to the interest meeting on Wednesday, April 23 at 6 p.m. in Devillab 237 to learn about the winter term course, MDPL 399: Paris throughout the Ages taught by Dr. Adrienne White of the Department of Modern Languages. This 1 credit course will be taught in English and is available for all students! See Paris from the top of the Eiffel Tower! See the glory of Louis XVI in his palace at Versailles! Marvel at the beauty of the Cathedral of Notre Dame! Learn about the history of Paris in an up close and personal way!

### Writer-on-the-Shore Reading

The Writers-on-the-Shore series continues 8 p.m. Tuesday, April 22, in the Montgomery Room of the Commons with poets Laure-Anne Bosselaar and Kurt Brown. Bosselaar, a Belgium native who is fluent in four languages, wrote the 2007 book *A New Hunger*. Brown's latest poetry collection, *No Other Paradise*, is due out this year. Sponsored by the English Department and Writers-on-the-Shore, the reading is free and the public is invited. Books by the authors are available for purchase and signing.

### Goddard Folk Concerts

Award-winning a cappella singer Pamela Goddard performs during Salisbury University Dining Services' Celtic dinner 5-7 p.m. Tuesday, April 22, in the Bistro of the Commons. Her debut CD, *At Time Dances Near: Traditional Songs From the North and South*, collects folk songs from Virginia, North Carolina, Tennessee, Kentucky, New York and New England. It won the *Ithaca Journal's* 2006 Jimmy Award for best folk CD. Cost of the dinner is \$9.68, \$5.95 for children 6-12, free for children 5 and under. Goddard also performs in concert 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 23, in the Great Hall of Holloway Hall. Admission to the April 23 event is free and the public is invited. For more information call 410-548-5752.

### SU Celebrates Earth Day

Salisbury University celebrates Earth Day with activities from 11:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Thursday, April 24, in Red Square. Students from Dr. Joan Maloolf's earth literacy class present displays on their initial ideas for the Environmental Protection Agency's "P3: People, Prosperity and the Planet" grant competition. Earth Day festivities also include free samplings from Rise-Up Coffee, a cloth shopping bag giveaway and a hybrid car demonstration.

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potentially sustain an organic farm. It could be a new source of produce for the Commons."

Another group of students from an environmental communications class have targeted the student body instead of the university.

"Students are the primary cause of wasted food," Land said.

"We want to raise awareness amongst the students because they're the ones throwing away perfectly good food," said group mem-

## 3rd Salisbury Idol hits the stage



Telecia Taylor photo

Idol winner Brittany Doane belts out "My Immortal" by Evanescence.

### By Chris Kidd

Staff Writer

On April 15, SOAP sponsored Salisbury Idol. After 30 people initially tried out, Salisbury Idol featured the top seven singers for a

two-hour show.

Salisbury Idol is the SU equivalent of American Idol; down to the eccentric judges, the nervously excited talent and the faux-Ryan Seacrest.

Alicia Mazurkevich, the president

of SOAP described the event as one of the biggest events put on by SOAP each year.

"It's really fun. Everyone gets really into it and it's different from what we usually do. We generally have the best event attendance at Salisbury Idol and with \$360 offered as prize money, it's a big deal for SOAP," Mazurkevich said.

With a first place prize of \$200, a second place prize of \$100, and a third place prize of \$60, the student body was chomping at the bit for a chance to show their talent.

"Like most college students, I'm broke! Hell, for \$60 I'll sing show tunes to skinheads," said Brandon Golat, a junior and business major.

Salisbury Idol consisted of two rounds separated by periods for deliberation between the judges.

The first round saw the seven contestants attempt to prove their merit. This round featured songs ranging from R&B to Country.

After each song was sung the judges critiqued each individual performer. The judges were senior Mike Baddour, Kristen Kazmarek of Student Affairs, and

Communications professor Dennis Leoutsakas. The judges were generally easy on the performers, though harsh or strong critiques were occasionally given out. In order to make Salisbury Idol feel more like American Idol, or simply to amuse himself, Leoutsakas attempted to adopt the mannerisms of Randy Jackson.

The second round saw the competition drop from seven down to five. Each performer was able to sing one last song and after more deliberation, the winners were picked at the end of round 2. Brittany Doane, a sophomore, came in first place after singing "My Immortal" by Evanescence.

"It was a lot of fun. I was poor and now I'm rich," Doane said.

Salisbury Idol took place in Holloway Hall at 8 p.m. on Tuesday, April 15. The audience consisted of roughly 50 people who were mostly there to encourage their friends. At the start of the show, the audience was quiet but as the performers took the stage and began to entertain, the audience could be heard cheering, joking, laughing and screaming.

## Crime beat

4/12/08-4/13/08  
Noon-3:48 p.m.

### Theft

An employee reported she lost her wallet and one of her credit cards was used at numerous locations in Salisbury and Baltimore for unauthorized purchases.

4/11/08-4/14/08  
1 p.m.-10:45 a.m.

### Theft

A student reported her Baritone Horn was stolen from an unlocked locker in Fulton Hall.

4/14/08  
1 p.m.-1:51 p.m.

### Theft

A student reported his unattended backpack and contents were stolen from Maggs locker room.

4/18/08  
2 a.m.-2:30 a.m.

**Assault-Off Campus**  
A student reported she and a friend were assaulted by six subjects at Sea Gull Village after an earlier confrontation at a Salisbury city night club. The Assault was reported to Salisbury City Police and is under investigation.

## Policy makers, students discuss safety concerns at University Forum

### By Steven Reddick

Staff Writer

A follow-up to last December's meeting, the University Forum was held Tuesday, April 15. The main issue on the minds of the policy makers at Salisbury University is safety.

It is no secret to the students or faculty that there is a level of danger present in certain parts of the community surrounding campus.

Several main areas of concern included: inadequate lighting on campus, a lack of sufficient police presence in problem areas and inadequate student safety resources.

Chief Lashley addressed the issues, stating that four more University Police officers will be hired by next fall, which will maintain a greater presence and communication with Salisbury city and Fruitland city police.

Lashley's reforms also include a possible expansion of authority to monitor and enforce, especially in the area of University Park. Lashley stated that he has been "meeting with the chiefs of the local police departments to achieve better communication between them and the students."

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stive efforts were Lili Afkhami, Pat Godham and Mel Morrissey. These three students have been working closely with the president, Chief Lashley and Dean of Students, Edwin Cowell, to examine the current safety landscape of the University and to work to correct problem areas.

President Dudley-Eshbach stated that she is "deeply concerned about issues of crime arising with students and the nature of SU Police Chief Lashley's reports."

Mel Morrissey, president of Students for a Safer Community, reported that 63 percent of students did not feel safe in Salisbury according to her survey of 200 randomly selected SU students.

According to Dudley-Eshbach, the city of Salisbury has the second highest crime rate per capita in the state of Maryland, "right behind Baltimore."

"The campus is supposed to be a place of safety," Dudley-Eshbach said. "It is the University's goal to work toward fixing the problem."

The president also stated that she was "happy to see that students are taking the lead to make things safer."

The three students who were recognized by the president for their exten-

sive efforts were Lili Afkhami, Pat Godham and Mel Morrissey. These three students have been working closely with the president, Chief Lashley and Dean of Students, Edwin Cowell, to examine the current safety landscape of the University and to work to correct problem areas.

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President Dudley-Eshbach discusses safety issues at the University Forum.

Sarah Wright photo

at the University Forum.

## City of Salisbury celebrates fifth annual Pork in the Park

### By Douglas Allers

Staff Writer

The warm, inviting smell of barbeque lingered outside Winterplace Park this past weekend, welcoming guests.

Many Salisbury University students, local residents and out-of-state visitors flocked to the fifth annual Pork in the Park held Friday evening, Saturday and Sunday.

For just two dollars, you could enjoy one of the nation's top ten barbeque

festivals held by the Kansas City Barbeque Society.

The Pork in the Park Web site describes the barbeque "as part of one of the nation's largest festivals of this kind. Attendees will enjoy live blues entertainment, a variety of cold beverages, motorcycle and classic car displays, barbeque - some of it cooked by competitors themselves - and other festive food."

Live music filled the air and arts and crafts tents lined the park, with vendors selling items such as handmade sweaters, jewelry, novelty and household items, psychic readings and artwork. Food and drink vendors from Maryland, Delaware, Florida, Pennsylvania, Virginia, New York and New Jersey were also on hand, offering rides, including a ferris wheel, a giant slide and various children's rides; offered free for all ages.

On Friday evening, blues musician Chris English, and bands The Bonedaddies, and The Couch Potatoes performed live music. On Saturday a motorcycle show was held, dance troupes and martial artists performed during the day, artist Jon Bolin played acoustic guitar and Tom Principato played music in the

evening. Other artists, such as the Crowdies, Crossroads and Julius Curcio, performed throughout the weekend. On Sunday there was a car show in the morning followed by bands until the parks closure at 5 p.m.

Rachel Moesman, a junior who volunteered at the event on Saturday, said, "It was a lot of fun. Volunteering around the community is something I try to get involved with often, and, as a volunteer, I got free admission and coupons for Sunday."

Josh Martin, a Berlin resident who went to the park said, "I had a lot of fun. How can you not love a day of great food and beer? Plus the competition gets pretty intense."

Over 75 competitors from various states throughout the country competed for over \$10,000 in prizes and the title of best barbeque. Unique names such as "3 Phat Boiz," "Pig Lickers," "Polka Pigs," "Mason Dixon Smokers Comp BBQ Team" and "Stumpy Coals Smokin' Crew" handed out samples of barbeque all day on Saturday for the opportunity to win best barbeque.

Ashley Ridout, an SU alumna said, "I graduated two years ago, but this is my third year going to the festival. I went my senior year and it was a lot of fun, so I have come back the past two years."

Junior Lindsay Rykiel, celebrated her 21st birthday weekend with her friends at the event Saturday afternoon. "It was a blast," she said.

"There were a lot of students there. I ran into a lot of friends, and the food was great."

For information about the event, including winners, and upcoming local events visit [www.porkinthepark.org](http://www.porkinthepark.org) and [www.wicomicotourism.org](http://www.wicomicotourism.org).

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- Rachel Carson

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# GLOBAL

April 22, 2008

## Rocketing food prices cause riots across the globe



AP photo

Food price riots break out in Bangladesh.

### By Michelle Hinkle

Staff Writer

Riots erupted in Haiti, Egypt, Bangladesh, Mozambique and other Third World countries around the world last week when food prices soared to new heights.

Parents can no longer feed their children or themselves as prices of food staples double and triple from what they were just one year ago.

Director of Columbia University's Earth Institute Jeffrey Sachs called the riots the world's biggest story. Sachs told CNN's "American Morning" the finance ministers were in shock last week because the riots were occurring in poor countries all over the world.

"Our own poor are feeling it in the United States," Sachs said. World Bank President Robert Zoellick said the rising costs could mean seven years lost in the fight against poverty worldwide.

"While many are worrying about filling their gas tanks, many others around the world are struggling to fill their stomachs, and it is getting more and more difficult every day," Zoellick said.

"In just two months rice prices have skyrocketed to near historic

levels, rising by around 75 percent globally and more in some markets, with more likely to come," Zoellick said in an address to the finance ministers.

"In Bangladesh, a two kilogram bag of rice now consumes about half of the daily income of a poor family."

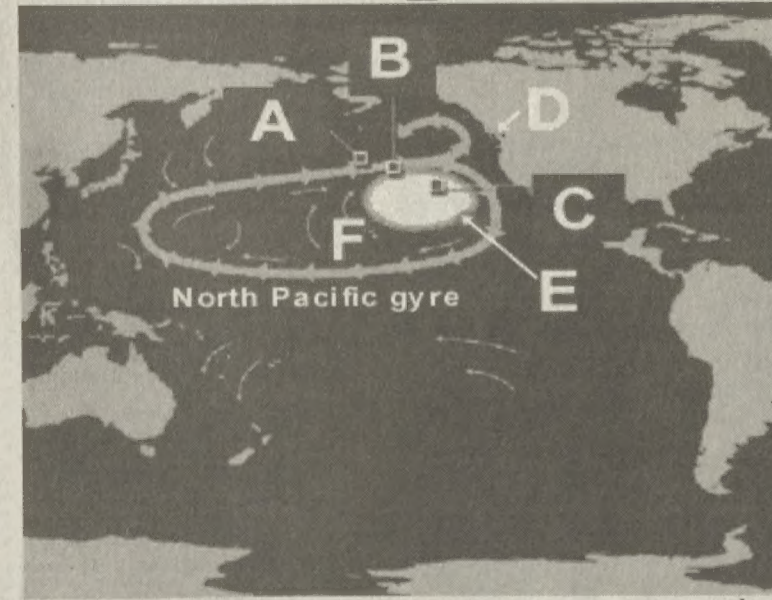
The Prime Minister of Haiti, Jacques Edouard Alexis, was removed from office last week when 16 of 27 Senators voted for his dismissal.

President Rene Preval announced his plans to support whatever the vote decided. Haitians blamed Preval for not speaking up and protecting them from the high costs, just as they blame Alexis.

Rioters tried to break down the gates of the palace, demanding Preval's resignation as well. The World Bank's \$10 million grant can not come soon enough to assist the Haitian government in restoring order and feeding the hungry.

Unrest is not centered in Haiti. Bangladesh and Mozambique are facing similar challenges. In Egypt, protesters defied police in riot gear by burning cars and breaking windows in nearby buildings.

## Environmental hazard 'Garbage Island' expanding in the Pacific Ocean



Internet photo

The North Pacific gyre, a natural current in the Pacific Ocean, encompasses all the trash that would otherwise be scattered across the sea.

### By Brandon M. Smith

Staff Writer

Garbage Island, also known as The Great Pacific Garbage Patch, is a new phenomenon that people are becoming aware of as they become more conscious of their effect on the environment. This does not mean that people are going out and purposefully creating the Garbage Patch. The "island" is more like a loose bundling of trash composed of plastics and other artifacts of debris from modern society and is approximately the size of Texas.

Several researchers speculate that the mass has been there since the 1950s and has grown nearly ten fold every decade.

A natural current in the Pacific Ocean, known as the North Pacific Gyre, is responsible for bringing together all of the Pacific coast's trash that would otherwise be scattered across the Pacific. This is only one of five major oceanic gyres.

The trash funnels into its center somewhere in-between Hawaii and L.A.

The gyre is a clockwise swirling vortex of ocean currents that controls the flow of the Pacific. The gyre works at collecting the debris in the Pacific like leaves in a swimming pool whirlpool. It collects products made from nonbiodegradable plastic photodegrades - nearly indestructible plastics.

Resting right below the waves, the island is composed of trash that comes from the land and sea. Garbage patch researcher Capt. Charles Moore suggests that the island is 80 percent land-based trash and 20 percent sea-based trash, 80 percent plastic and approximately weighing 3.5 million tons. Moore hypothesizes that unless something is done to reduce the amount of waste thrown into the ocean, the island will increase in size by a factor of ten times every two or three years.

The most famous contribution of garbage to the island occurred in the 90s and was caused by the cargo ship, Hansa Carrier. The ship was en route from North Korea to America when it was caught in a storm. Its wreckage

included the loss of 80,000 Nike sneakers and boots. In 1992, a similar cargo ship spill that contributed to the island involved debris from almost 30,000 plastic yellow ducks and other bathtub toys.

In a video showing the scene, researchers pull out a sample of murky water with an obviously large amount of plastics floating from top to bottom.

The floating trash of the Garbage Patch resembles zooplankton, the base of the oceanic food chain. According to Moore, the zooplankton is often consumed by jellyfish. This has an immediate effect on the area wildlife. The plastics also act like toxic sponges, according to Greenpeace's Web site. Any animal that ingests the plastic is also ingesting highly deadly toxins.

In one of Moore's studies, conducted in 2001, samples were taken from the Garbage Patch that showed the mass of plastic exceeded that of the zooplankton six to one. Unfortunately, the

Moore remains skeptical of solutions for the Garbage Patch. One of the solutions proposed involves a fleet of ships scraping up the trash. This seems impractical due to its immense size, almost 5 million square miles.

One way to help minimize contributions to the Garbage Patch is to drastically reduce the amount of plastics put into the environment by reducing, reusing and recycling.

Creating more awareness of environmental issues is also a way of helping to reduce the amount of waste entering the ocean.



Internet photo

Garbage Island is a loose bundling of trash and is approximately the size of Texas.

## PA primary today!

### By Kristen Manion

Staff Writer

The day has come where the path of the democratic primary season will be decided. After bitter debates and controversies; from the Democratic debates on Thursday, April 17, to reports of fabricated sniper stories and radical reverends; the day has come for the Keystone State to choose their candidate.

The Pennsylvania presidential primaries have been in the news since the last major primary, held in Texas, Ohio, Vermont and Rhode Island more than a month ago, and over the past few weeks, speculation as to who could win the Keystone State has only grown.

A report from CNN testifies that Philadelphia's western suburbs could be the deal breaker in who gets ahead in the Democratic race. Political analysts have debated and predicted many different outcomes, but the favorite still seems to be Sen. Barack Obama; however, Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton still holds the lead in polls.

"It is, without question, right at the center of the fight for Pennsylvania," said Representative Joe Sestak (D-PA), who has publicly endorsed Clinton. "How my district [7th district] goes is how the state may go."

The reason for this not only lies in the diversity of the City of Brotherly Love, but also the fact that it is the largest city in the state. Sen. Clinton's lead in the polls is likely due to her success with blue-collar workers. Many of Philadelphia's hard-working laborers agree that since the economy flourished during her husband's administration, that she may help it as well. Other families fear a "White House dynasty" similar to the Bush's and fear that it could only cause more trouble.

For example, Clinton has publicly promised not to raise taxes for

the middle class, in opposition to President Bush's tax cuts. Obama has made similar promises to lower income taxes for households making less than \$75,000 a year, while raising taxes on any household bringing in between \$200,000 and \$250,000 annually.

With a demographic that is 53 percent female and 47 percent male, Sen. Clinton is expected to win by a majority over Sen. Obama. However, the key demographic expected to support her for the most part does not feel obligated to vote for her.

"That's been a mistake the polls have made," said Michelle Obama in her April 15 appearance on The Colbert Report. "There are many women like myself who are independent, strong, who care about family values, who know Barack is special, that he has something unique to offer the country and that his perspective is really going to change the lives of working women."

US News reported the feminine vote has "not consistently voted for Hillary Clinton throughout the Democratic primary season." A recent poll also proves that "many women don't feel that they have to [support her]."

Despite the attention over bitter personal attacks by both candidates over the past week, the future of the Democratic race has yet to be decided.

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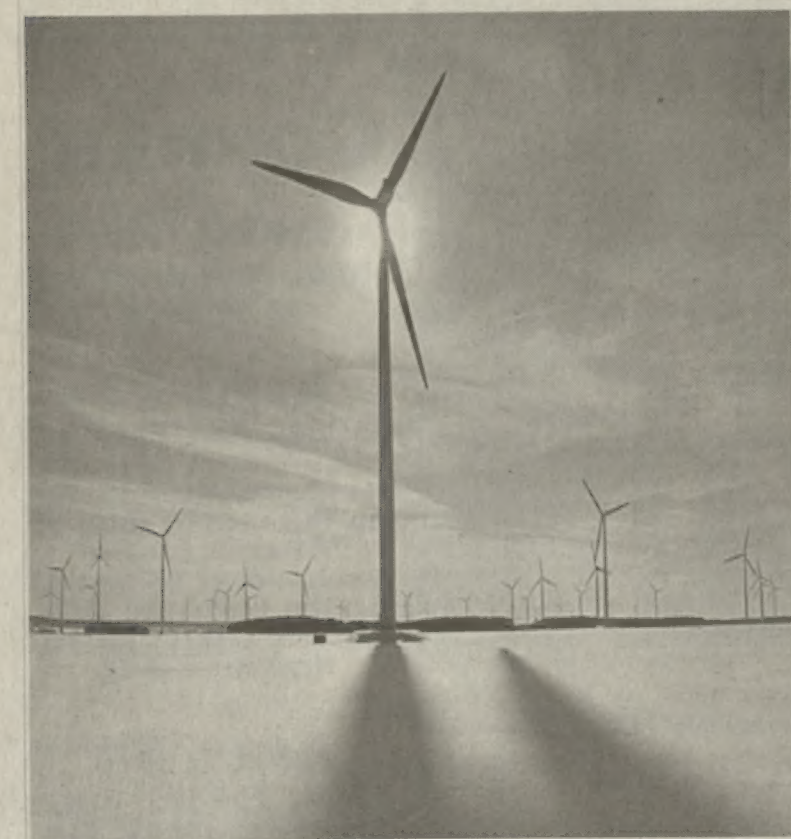
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## Iceland to become first hydrogen society Pope receives warm U.S. welcome

Several automobile manufacturers jump on board



Internet photo

Iceland hopes to convert its renewable energy into a form that can power a transportation system.

By Stacie Manger  
Staff Writer

The tiny island of Iceland is trying to become the first hydrogen society. Currently, around 72 percent of the country's heating and electricity is run by hydroelectric power and geothermal water reserves.

Iceland has no fossil fuel resources, so it imports oil to fuel cars, buses and fishing trawlers. Currently, Iceland is number 53 on the list of most polluted countries.

The country aims to convert its renewable energy into a form that can power a transportation system.

"Many experts say that in 20 or 30 years, solar energy could be harnessed in an economic way and turned into electric energy," said Professor Bragi Arason of the University of Iceland in Reykjavik in 2001. "In Iceland we don't have to wait for solar energy to become economic because we have this cheap hydropower and geothermal energy. We can start now."

Professor Arason said hydrogen

power can be used to fuel cars because it is produced with water and electricity, something the country has an abundance of.

General Motors, Toyota and DaimlerChrysler are using Iceland to test their hydrogen car prototypes.

According to CNN, fuel cells generate electricity by converting hydrogen and oxygen into water.

Fuel cell technology is clean; the only by-product is water. Cars powered using these fuel cells can go about 100 miles on a full tank. When it runs out of fuel, the electric battery kicks in, giving the driver another 18 miles. Filling the tank is just like filling a regular car.

About 30-40 of these cars will be on the roads in Iceland within the year. By 2010, the country hopes to have the vehicles on sale to the public.

An article in *Tramper* magazine said there is one catch. It takes more energy to break the hydrogen from the water molecule than can be gained in burning the hydrogen. "One has to use additional energy from another source to get the

hydrogen power. Now that Iceland is the leader in renewable energy, other countries are seeking the technology. Yemen's General Corporation for Electricity and Iceland's Reykjavik Energy Invest (REI) company signed an agreement on electricity generation.

An Iceland news article said REI will lead a study into the geothermal potential at Lesi Mountain in the Dnamar region of Yemen. If the potential for a geothermal project is there, REI will initiate drilling works in the location.

The article said Yemen is trying to increase its use of renewable energy. Currently, the nation invests in geothermal energy, wind and solar power.

The Yemen Minister of Electricity and Energy, Mustafa Bahran, explained the efforts to utilize the three sources to generate electricity for the country.

America does not have the exact capabilities that Iceland does, but it does already use some geothermal energy. This type of energy could be sustainable for centuries.

Nations world-wide have realized the growing greenhouse emissions problems and the increase in global warming. There are many different types of renewable energies that are being used world-wide like solar and wind power. Iceland, however, is leading the way to a new energy that can preserve the planet and is more efficient.

Iceland experienced two energy revolutions before now. The country used its hydroelectric power from the start of the 20th century. In the 1940s it began to tap into the geothermal water supplies.

Professor Arason said another revolution is about to happen. He said people his age will see the first stages of the revolution and his children will witness the transformation.

"My grandchildren, when they are grown, will live in this new economy where Iceland will be totally independent of imported energy, and where all the energy in the country comes from clean renewables," Arason said.

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California is central for a disaster like this; more than 300 faults sit throughout the state as well as sitting on the Pacific and North American tectonic plates. Around 10,000 earthquakes hit Southern California a year, most are too small to feel.

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By Michel Elben  
Staff Writer

Pope Benedict XVI received Wednesday morning, April 15, with a great deal of fanfare on the White House South Lawn, for his 81st birthday.

13,500 people greeted the pope, along with a 21-gun salute, cheerful bands, two rounds of "Happy Birthday" and Kathleen Battle singing the Lord's Prayer.

"The pope's visit was needed for all Catholics and similar people of Christian faith," said Justin Rimer, President of the Catholic Campus Ministry and a senior at SU.

Benedict is the third pope to set foot on American soil. For the first time during his presidency, President Bush and First Lady Laura Bush personally went to Andrews Air Force Base to welcome a foreign dignitary.

The President wanted to talk to the pope about inter-faith issues such as immigration, terrorism, abortion and the war in Iraq. According to the AP news, they agreed that terrorism is a deplorable weapon for any cause or religion.

"Because of the role [the pope] played in the eighties in criticizing theological movements, he is, in the eyes of many, a rather defensive protector of doctrine," said Dr. Jerome Miller, a philosophy professor at SU.

This was the first papal visit in 29 years. The next day, the pope celebrated Mass in Washington D.C. Nine members of the SU/UMES Catholic Campus Ministry (CCM) attended the ceremony at the new Nationals stadium.

"Seeing Pope Benedict XVI was a once in a life time opportunity," said

Meghan Saia, Vice President of the Catholic Campus Ministry and senior at SU.

Regina Yankalunas, Catholic Campus Minister, said that members of the CCM who attended Mass in D.C. did not go to make the pope out to be a celebrity but, to show the world that they follow the teachings of the church.

During his stay, the Pope said that the U.S. should be patient with efforts toward international diplomacy and spoke out for the fourth time about the suffering caused to victims of pedophile Catholic priests.

His visit included a Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral in Manhattan, a speech promoting human rights at the United Nations and an excursion to Ground Zero.

"This is a man in control of what he's doing," said Father James Martin, Jesuit priest and author of "In Good

Company the Fast Track from the Corporate World to Poverty, Chastity and Obedience." He also writes for *American Magazine*, a Catholic weekly.

Before returning to Rome on Sunday, the Pope completed his tour of the U.S. by celebrating Mass at Yankee Stadium.

"To really understand Pope Benedict, you need to read his speeches. His talent lies in his words. That is where his wisdom lies," Father Martin said.

The pope "did not emphasize anything of himself but of the importance of the virtues of forgiveness, love, cooperation, brotherhood, friendship, the importance of clergy and most importantly the message of God through His son Jesus Christ. This alone was so moving that it became very emotional but also very happy," said Trey Baker, member of CCM and a sophomore at SU.



AP PHOTO

Pope Benedict XVI and President Bush discussed inter-faith issues during his trip to the States last week.

## Major earthquake predicted for California



Internet photo

The USGS predicts that a magnitude 6.7 earthquake will hit California in the next 30 years.

By Sara Sutton  
Staff Writer

USGS, Southern California Earthquake Center and California Geological Survey have used newly available data to reveal that there is a 99.7 percent chance a magnitude 6.7 earthquake will hit California within the next 30 years.

The area most likely to be hit is Southern California and scientists have even predicted that a 7.5 earthquake is 46 percent likely to occur.

The USGS found that Los Angeles and San Francisco have a 63 percent chance of experiencing a 6.7 earthquake.

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on the Richter scale. The scale is open-ended, but a single earthquake is predicted very unlikely predicted to surpass a 9.0 rating. A monster quake, an earthquake over 7.5, is predicted at 46 percent over the same 30-year time period.

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in damage. "The report's details should prove invaluable for city planners, building code designers, and home and business owners who can use the information to improve public safety and mitigate damage before the next destructive earthquake occurs," said geophysicist Ned Field of the Geological Survey, who heads the Working Group on California Earthquake Probabilities, which developed the forecasts.

Out of all the faults in the state it is the southern San Andreas, which runs from Parkfield to the Salton Sea that is most primed for a major shake. To put it in perspective, scientists have compared the fault to be "10 months pregnant."

"You have to realize this is a very long pregnancy, and it is way overdue," said Southern California Earthquake Centre director Tom Jordan.

Geologists say this fault erupts with a major quake every 150 years or so but has not in around 300 years.

"The further you are in time from the last quake on a fault, the higher the probability is for the next one," said earthquake geologist David Schwartz of the Geological Survey.

Scientists still can not predict where exactly this major quake will occur but they are hoping it is a wake up call to all residents.

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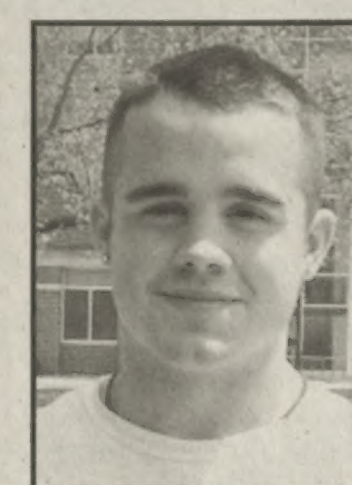
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## What's your opinion on the protest of the Beijing Olympics?



"It deserves to be protested because what they did to their citizens in Beijing isn't right."

Austin Shaw - freshman



"I don't think it should be protested. It's been blown way out of proportion."

Cameron Harwood - sophomore



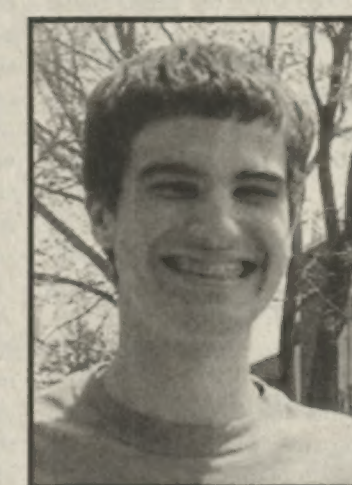
"I think it's a good thing. We shouldn't be supporting a country having the Olympics who supports things such as the Sudanese government."

Jennifer Gordon - junior



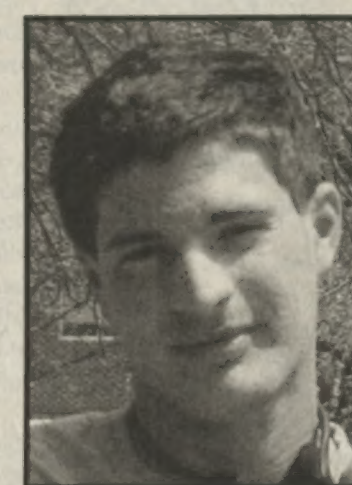
"I think they should keep politics out of the athletic arena because it takes away from the spirit of the Olympics and friendly athletic competition."

Lauren Correll - sophomore



"I'm against China but for the Olympics."

Nick Jordan - sophomore



"I think it's valid but I don't think the protest will do anything. When we boycotted the Soviet Olympics in the 80s we didn't have any effect."

Phil Suarez - freshman

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## {Letter from editor in chief}.....

Judge not less thee be judged

I developed a relationship with God a long time ago. I was raised as a Methodist. My grandparents and I attended a church that was made up of no more than 40 members. It wasn't until I got to college that I was introduced to the vast and ever-expanding manifestation of diverse organized religions.

Learning about these religions blew my mind. Wow! You mean that those doubts that I've always had are actually shared by others? I realized that religion wasn't as black and white as I was brought up to believe. Each and every person can develop their own personal relationship with (and interpretation of) God. I have come to believe that God wants us to respect Him and recognize His presence. How I interact with Him beyond that is up to me.

Last Wednesday afternoon I was working in The Flyer office. I ran downstairs for a quick smoke and, while outside, I was approached by two male students who wanted me to take their survey. I didn't know at the time that they were members of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and they were planning on telling me (in so many

words) that I'm on a red-eye flight headed straight to Hell.

The "survey" quickly turned into an interrogation. Apparently, I'm not a good person because I'm guilty of three of the Ten Commandments: I've lied, I've stolen and I've committed adultery. If you've told even the smallest lie, you must repent. If you've stolen something, even a paperclip, you must repent. If you've looked at another in just you have committed adultery in your heart by cheating on the Lord. REPENT!!! God does not play favorites; therefore, every commandment must be adhered to in order to gain entrance to Heaven. So if you've ever stolen a pen off of your co-worker's desk, get out there and sin it up. Rob a bank. Kill a homeless person. Why not? You're going to Hell anyway.

They told me to first believe in God, and then believe in the Bible. How can I believe everything in the Bible when it was written by men - men who could have had agendas or biases? These two individuals believe everything that was written in the Bible. And I'm sure that they've been beaten over the head with that book so many times by their parents and/or pastors that they've never been able to formulate their own inter-

pretation of it. So if they were bold enough to disrespect me, I wonder what would have happened had two guys walked by holding hands.

To the members of FCA who, for some reason, felt the need to spend Wednesday afternoon accosting and judging others: how dare you. It is not your place to tell others how to live their lives. I don't care that you're on a "mission from God." Don't throw your Bible in my face. It is Christians like you - those who are solely driven by blind faith and are not able to provide viable answers to skeptics' questions - who make the religion look bad. If you respect others' religious beliefs then maybe they would respect yours. God and I have a perfectly functional relationship and I don't think He would be happy about you telling me that I'm going to Hell.

I do not need to repent; I simply need to find a new place to smoke.

\* This letter is not directed toward all members of the FCA, as I'm sure that many of them do not find judging others to be a proper way to practice religion. They should, however, realize that members such as these two individuals could possibly tarnish the group's reputation.

## Countries have a responsibility to keep food costs down



Internet photo

Josette Sheeran, World Food Program executive director, visits Kassab IDP (Internally Displaced Persons) Camp in Kutum, North Darfur, Sudan.

By Lauren Zarin  
Staff Writer

Concern has risen over the fact that food is the most recent necessity to go the way of gasoline and oil, monetarily speaking. Several factors contributed to the compound rate increase of 4.7 percent on world food prices in the early part of 2008 (1). Some of these factors include the rising cost of transportation, the weakening of the dollar, rising fertilizer prices (a 135 percent increase in Kenya in the past three months) and rising inflation (2).

According to the Washington Post, rising world food prices are forcing the United Nations World Food Program (UNWFP) to cut aid to approximately 400,000 schoolchildren. As a result,

riots have broken out in several countries; primarily South Africa, Haiti, Egypt and the Philippines. UNWFP executive director Josette Sheeran commented that "this challenge may be one of the most critical peace and security issues of our time. Fragile democracies are feeling the pressure of food insecurity; food riots have erupted throughout the globe" (1). Dominique Strauss-Kahn, the head of the International Monetary Fund said that if the price spike continues, hundreds of thousands of people will be starving (2).

It's difficult to fathom the inevitability of increased starvation in a world where food is, in actuality, so abundant. The amount of food discarded by the SU Commons on a monthly basis is

enough to feed an entire third world country. Most likely, the same is true for most schools and other large food-producing facilities in the United States. Grocery stores and restaurants are constantly disposing of food that has passed its prime. Perhaps one beneficial move on the part of these large institutions would be to employ a bit of frugality when stocking the shelves. Additionally, if it becomes apparent that a facility is overstocked and can't possibly sell or use all of a certain product, they should donate it to a place where it will be used.

The overabundance of food in the United States isn't the only reason that starvation is incomprehensible. Sheeran also pointed out that there are many countries where food is available but prices are so high that the majority of people can't afford it. It's insane that these countries would rather see their food rot and their people starve than bite the bullet and decrease costs.

BBC News says that the number one reason for the rising prices and increased demand is the growth of the world's population. Some of the most extensive, avant-garde scientific research is focused around increasing longevity and staying young. If researchers are going to develop ways of increasing lifespan, the population will only continue to expand exponentially. It seems that these researchers have put the cart before the horse. It's illogical to promote anything that will increase the population before developing a way of increasing the world's resources to sufficiently accommodate more people.

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## ~SUDOKU~ The Rules of Sudoku

The classic Sudoku game involves a grid of 81 squares. The grid is divided into nine blocks, each containing nine squares.

The rules of the game are simple: each of the nine blocks has to contain all the numbers 1-9 within its squares. Each number can only appear once in a row, column or box.

The difficulty lies in that each vertical nine-square column, or horizontal nine-square line across, within the larger square, must also contain the numbers 1-9, without repetition or omission.

Every puzzle has just one correct solution. Good luck.

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Difficulty Rating: Medium

## Solution to last week's puzzle:

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## Superdelegates are a super pain: What happened to one person, one vote?



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PA's primary is today, April 22.

By Mary Simonds  
Staff Writer

The 2008 Pennsylvania Democratic primary will be taking place this week on April 22, 2008. It is open to registered Democrats only. The only two candidates on the ballot will be Senators Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton. This will be the first time since 1976 that Pennsylvania will play a major role in a presidential nomination.

## Declining dollars spells economic trouble

By Derek Pettinelli  
Staff Writer

Just a few months ago, the US dollar was officially worth less than the Canadian dollar. As of this past Oct., the Canadian dollar hit a 30-year high and was ahead by a penny, something that spelled trouble for those invested in with the US dollar. Currently, the difference is marginal, with the US dollar being worth more by a meager \$0.004. In addition, the Australian dollar is only behind the US dollar by \$0.07 and may eventually pass it at some point in the year. It's also worth noting that the copper in a penny is worth 1.7 cents.

Nobody has to be told about the economy's issues, as they are visually apparent in everyday life. Gas, for example, is set to increase to a nationwide \$4/gallon average, with some places like California, close to \$5/gallon, just for regular unleaded. Prices seem to have increased across

As of April 10, 2008, 15 super delegates announced support for Senator Clinton and five announced support for Senator Obama. There are a total of 188 delegates.

After going online and reading some blogs about the Pennsylvania Democratic primary, I found that many registered Republicans who wish to vote for Obama or Clinton are confused about how they can go about doing this. It seems hardly fair that registered Republicans can't vote for whom they want to vote for. It should not matter which party a person is affiliated with because many people change their mind in each election.

Obama and Clinton have been fighting over which delegates are going to support them instead of which people are going to support them. They didn't even visit states that have low delegate numbers. I take this as an insult. Every state

should have a voice just like every single person should be counted. It is as if they are playing favorites and this is not the way the race should be run.

We should be more informed and sophisticated in the way we choose our leaders. This is a time of war and many other controversies and we need to be more serious than this. There are 50 states with possibly 50 different ways of voting. Voting needs to be the same in each state in order to result in the most accurate outcome.

Every single person should have one vote going to one person. American politics seem to be messed up. Caucus versus regular primaries, open versus closed, super delegates versus regular delegates...Why is this so complicated?

The way our country votes needs to be changed to make it fair for every state in the United States.

the board for all sorts of things, and not only does it seem like we are paying more, but we are getting less, as everyone, including corporations are looking to save money as American spending seems to decrease. While things like car sales have decreased by double-digit percentages, cheaper, leisure items like videogames have seen incredible sales, most likely due to their distraction ability. Overall, holiday sales only increased 4 percent this past year according to retailers, which makes it one of the slowest since 2002. The auto industry simply cannot compete with foreign markets due to things like unions, which require thousands of dollars extra, which keep costs high. One of the places most badly hurt by the economy is the housing market.

Again, in places like southern California, there have been double digit declines for two years in a row, which means that if housing prices fall 8 - 10 percent, that would be

enough for the country to enter a recession.

The decline of the housing market provides one of the most detrimental effects, due in part to the manufacturing part of the economy already being in a recession. Goods like furniture, glass and wood have all declined greatly, which in turn causes a snowball effect on other markets. With the hurting housing market, the banks are taking a hit, which can reduce the availability for new loans.

A recent CNN poll conducted a month ago shows that 74 percent of Americans believe the economy has already entered a recession and by contrast, that number was 66 percent two months ago and only 46 percent in Oct. The war in Iraq is a large contributor and has definitely proved to be more expensive than originally thought, as it costs \$720 million per day and it's been going on for a few years, which results in some really scary math.

## Former President Jimmy Carter under criticism for Hamas meeting

By Jeremy Riffle  
Staff Writer

Last week, former President Jimmy Carter met with the leaders of the Palestinian organization Hamas. This meeting has been met with much criticism because Hamas is considered to be a terrorist organization by many countries, including the United States. This designation is the result of Hamas' refusal to recognize Israel's right to exist and its sponsoring of attacks against the country.

Carter claims his reason for the trip is "to support and provide momentum for current efforts to secure peace in the Middle East" and "to go there with an open mind and heart to listen and learn from all parties."

The United States and Israel have condemned Carter's meeting with Hamas, and Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice said that it is "hard to understand what is going to be gained by, having discussions with Hamas about peace when Hamas is in fact the impediment to peace." The Israeli Ambassador to the U.S. stated that "[t]he unintended consequences of such a meeting would be to embolden terrorists and undermine the cause of peace."

The fact is that Carter should not be meeting with Hamas, because he should not have to. Hamas won the majority of seats in parliamentary

elections held in Palestine in 2006. These elections took place because the U.S., the EU, and the UN pressured the Palestinian Authority (PA) into holding elections. Fatah, the political party that had been in power since the creation of the PA and had tenuously enjoyed Western backing, was viewed as corrupt by the Palestinian people. Hamas on the other hand, ran on a platform calling for reform and the development of social improvements; also, as an organization, Hamas had already started providing Palestinians with social services.

The Western World's reaction to the democratic results of the elections it had demanded was contemptible. Citing Hamas' status as a designated terrorist organization, the U.S. and other like-minded countries cut off aid to the PA and refused to enter into any form of talks with Hamas.

Instead, they continued to work with Fatah, which still controlled the presidency in the PA.

This political isolation of Hamas is resulting in the destabilization of Palestine. After attempts to negotiate a shared government failed, largely due to Fatah's refusal to join a Hamas-controlled government, an all-out conflict between the two parties ensued, which resulted in Hamas seizing the Gaza Strip in 2007. The conflict continues to this day.

In addition, the attempts to isolate Hamas prevent the group from becoming more moderate. If Hamas had been allowed to interact with the international community, it would almost certainly have had to moderate its demands and tactics, like other terrorist-groups-turned-political-parties, such as Sinn Féin in Northern Ireland.

Additionally, the more the international community attacks Hamas, the more likely the Palestinian people will identify with the organization and ally with it. For example, last summer, Israel began a blockade of the Gaza Strip, preventing any entrance or exit.

This blockade cut off Gazans from goods, excluding only the most basic of food and medical supplies. This internationally condemned blockade only ended when Hamas used explosives to breach a section of the barrier between the Gaza Strip and Egypt.

The isolation of Hamas by the international community, even though it controlled the PA through democratic elections, is the wrong policy. By refusing to deal with the choice of the Palestinian people, the U.S. and others have essentially punished the Palestinians for voting the "wrong" way. This policy is the real impediment to peace in the region. Carter's meeting with Hamas will probably not have accomplished much, but it was a first step in remedying the situation.



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Former President Jimmy Carter visits Palestine to mend international ties with the organization Hamas.

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# LIFE & STYLE

April 22, 2008

## Friday Nite Live provides fellowship

By Danny Ross  
Staff Writer

On Friday night, "Friday Nite Live" took over the Wicomico room in the Guerrieri University Center. The event, which lasted from 7 p.m. until 10 p.m., consisted of food and entertainment such as live bands, hip-hop dancers, gospel singers and a choir.

One of the participants, University of Maryland Eastern Shore senior Ashley Watson, was particularly happy to be participating in the event.

"It doesn't get any better than this Friday Nite Live is a place where anyone can come together and celebrate their faith. Everyone is here for a common reason and that reason is that they love Jesus Christ. That love transcends race and gender. It doesn't care about age or religious domination," Watson said. "This year is especially important because we have a war going on and the presidential elections. It's easy for us to forget what is important, and that is our faith."

The event began with a candlelight dinner and then moved into performances by Tim Brown, The Untouchables and a choir.

"My favorite event was definitely The Untouchables. I've never had the opportunity to see them before and it was a definite treat," Watson said.



Telecia Taylor photo

Participants celebrate Jesus Christ at the "biggest Christian Take-Over to hit the Salisbury University campus."

Friday Nite Live had several hundred attendees and it looked as if every table was full. Event staffers could be seen both directing people in as well as helping people find that rare available seat. Friday Nite Live volunteer Thomas Fallon said the event not only means a lot, but "gives us yet another reason to celebrate the Lord."

"Young people do fortunately have opportunities and events they can attend, but in reality it's never enough. Going to church on Sundays, a Bible Study here and there. The truth is, young people are constantly challenged and constantly tempted to go down the wrong path," Fallon said. "If we can get them together in an arena where they can meet people their own age who face those same

challenges, but also have the same religious faith, then perhaps that faith can overcome any temptation."

One amazing thing about this event was it being dubbed the, "Biggest Christian Take-Over to hit the Salisbury University campus." The large number of participants and the way the way the event seemed to draw people in made that statement true. The performances could be heard from the Dogwood parking lot. Quite a few people began wandering into the Wicomico Room just to see what was going on. One of those people was UMES freshman Sonya Richardson.

"We actually just came here to go to Cool Beans. We didn't know anything about the event and didn't even know it was taking place. We just kind of heard the music and we asked who was performing. They told us that it was gospel music and invited us to it. We actually ended up staying for the whole thing and never went into Cool Beans at all," Richardson said.

There is no word on when the next "Friday Nite Live" will take place. Students who are seeking fellowship can check out Campus Crusade for Christ and Basic on campus. Information and meeting times can be found for both organizations on the SU Web site.

## EXTRA EXTRA BIG EVENT PICS



Sarah Wright photo

SGA president Lili Afghami, Jennifer Slaughter and Allison Hueber.



Sarah Lake photo

Big Event participants get pumped Saturday morning in Red Square.



Sarah Lake photo

Junior Jess Hicks picks up trash in the Salisbury City Park on Saturday.

## Investigative journalist speaks on prevalence of organized crime in the United States

By Jillian Verpent  
Staff Writer

The world of organized crime has become romanticized in the media due to hit films and television shows such as *The Sopranos*, *The Godfather* and *Goodfellas*. Americans have been fascinated with stories of the mafia for decades. Although it may serve as entertainment value for millions, the fact is organized crime is a very real problem in the United States today.

Dan Moldea, an independent crime reporter, has dedicated his life to bringing to light the presence of organized crime in the United States today. Thanks to SOAP, Moldea came to Salisbury University last week to share his knowledge in a lecture entitled "Investigating the Mafia."

Moldea has made a career as an investigative journalist, focusing mainly on the mafia and organized crime. He is the author of seven books, and is currently working on two more. He has been featured on major news programs, including ABC, CNN, CBS and MSNBC. Moldea has interviewed some of the most prominent names in the world of organized crime today.

"Organized crime is rooted in the very society that we live in," Moldea said. "Most people really don't understand the extent of it. We have to change our normal perception of what organized crime really is."

From Hollywood to professional sports, from government and politics to big businesses, Moldea has worked to expose the ties these organizations have to organized crime.

One of the most controversial topics he wrote about concerned NFL

owners and their ties to both the gambling ring and the organized crime community. Moldea claims that no fewer than 70 NFL games have been fixed.

The mission of those involved in organized crime is relatively simple: make money and stay out of jail. However, it is a sophisticated, complex system.

Part of Moldea's mission is clearing up this misconception that people have about those involved in organized crime. We have spent so much time, money and energy on the war on drugs, Moldea noted, but what about organized crime; the people bringing in the drugs?

"These people are not eighth grade dropouts wearing pinstripe suits and fedoras," Moldea said. "They are people with MBAs from Harvard. They are very intelligent and they know exactly what they are doing."

The students who came out to hear Moldea speak were very interested in what he had to say. The lecture, which ran about an hour, came with plenty of information, but Moldea stayed an extra hour and a half to answer questions.

"He was very informative, but kept it entertaining," said Esha Greer, who works for SOAP and was the one who arranged Moldea's appearance. "He was very open to the students' questions, which was really awesome."

"I enjoy speaking to students, because they are on the brink of having to face some of the major decisions that are going to decide their life," Moldea said.

Being aware of society's problems, including organized crime, will hopefully give us the opportunity to correct them.

## Spring Olympics Go Green! in 2008

RHA hosts its 14th annual event

By Samantha Sullivan  
Staff Writer

This week, April 23-26, Salisbury University's Resident Hall Association will be putting on its 14th annual Spring Olympics. This competition is a battle between the students of all nine residence halls and University Park. Approximately 1,000-1,200 students will be participating in the event.

Each hall is a team and residents from each hall sign up to participate in one or more of the many events that will be taking place. At the end of all the events, points will be added and the winner will be announced.

Opening ceremonies for Spring Olympics will kick off on the 23rd and the majority of the other events will take place Friday afternoon and all day Saturday.

Spring Olympics were originally started as a one day event. There were not as many activities, mostly just the actual sporting events such as volleyball, soccer and softball. The Scavenger Hunt is another event that has been included since the beginning. All of these are still events today and other silly events have been added along the way.

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The events are going to be held all over campus, from the pool to the soccer. The events will include quad, a trivia game, a hula hoop competition, relay races, the scavenger hunt and many others. Fleming said that some of the students' favorite activities include: the sports games, the fire fighter relay and the tug o' war.

Fire fighter relay and tug o' war will be the two final events of the day, but preceding these two games is the fan favorite: the egg beater match.

To get students pumped up about Spring Olympics and build team spirit, many of the halls hold little "pre games" either inside or outside their buildings earlier in the week. They have cookouts and pep rallies to recruit residents to participate in each of the events and get the residents excited about the week ahead.

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This year, the theme of Spring Olympics is Go Green! to show how SU has been involved in preserving the environment. The theme is being represented by several activities during the week. SU is participating in a national competition called "Recycle Mania" as one way to represent the theme of Go Green! As one of the events, each of the dorms will be collecting all of their recyclables which will be added up for points, and at the end the total recyclables will be added and sent out to see how well SU did compared to other schools in the country.

Another way the theme is being implemented on campus is through the personal health awareness team who will be distributing 500 water bottles made of recycled plastic to participants. This will encourage people to stay hydrated while conserving our environment.

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## Visionary Art Film Series celebrates the artistic genius of painter Alex Grey

By Sarah Brinton  
Staff Writer

Since the beginning of mankind, there have been endless forms of art. Some are unique and difficult to understand. However, this does not stop creative individuals from expressing radical concepts in the form of art for people to enjoy, ponder, and at times, ridicule.

Thursday, April 17, in Fulton Hall 111: *CaSM: The Movie* was shown for art enthusiasts to enjoy. *CaSM*, or, *Chapel of Sacred Mirrors*, is an art gallery in New York that holds the work of world-renowned painter, Alex Grey. Students, faculty and community members were welcomed to enjoy the hour and a half movie as well as refreshments.

This movie is the second of a two-part documentary starring Alex Grey, transcendental artist.

The first movie, entitled *Art Mind: The Healing Power of Sacred Art*, was shown at SU in Feb. It presented one of Alex Grey's many philosophies that art has the power to heal. Linda Shipp, University gallery curator, brought these movies to SU.

"I look for an artist that works towards inspiration and intuition," she said. "A lot of art is very intuitive and I try to bring that to SU." Shipp added.

In *CaSM: The Movie*, Grey explained every painting in his art gallery, the Chapel of Sacred Mirrors. Grey received his formal education from the Columbus College of Art and Design and Boston Museum School. He also worked at the Harvard Medical School Anatomy Department. His work combines his background of art and anatomy. This combination of skills helped Grey to express the connection between mind, body and spirit in his paintings.

Grey's paintings are intensely detailed and comprised of psychedelic colors. He gives his paintings a dreamlike, yet realistic portrayal of the characters, people and ideas in the images. Grey involves many religions, cultures and legendary people in his art. This adds to the breathtaking presence of his work.

In the movie, Grey said his claim to fame was his wife, Allison, and at times, their shared trips on LSD. His deep love for his wife and his LSD experiences inspired his artistic passion.

After viewing the film, SU student Bristol Brown said, "The paintings were so huge and yet had so much detail. What the paintings represented was very interesting; he combined scientific anatomy with spiritual anatomy. Grey is familiar with so many different religions and yet never claimed one to be his own."

"It was curious in a funny way that it's almost like looking at an outsider artist with his highly obsessive imagery, but he, in fact, is a highly trained illustrator, a very odd mix. I could not get a grip on his overriding principle of the whole philosophy," said SU Art Department faculty member Carl Goldhagen.

Ed Brown, Art Department faculty member, agreed with Goldhagen's statement about Grey seeming to be an outsider artist with his odd approaches. However, he considers Grey to be a talented artist. Brown gave a brief presentation on Grey and led a discussion after the viewing of the film.

"One thing that he said that stuck with me was how he had visions with LSD," said Rob Allen, SU student. "I think you can have the same effect from meditation."

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"I really want my roommate to start recycling and care about the environment. I try to convince them how important it is but they ignore me. What can I do to make them 'go green'?"

It is great that you are trying to help out, since it is Earth Day this Tuesday! Try not to pressure your roommates as much as you are. By getting them to do little things without realizing it, they will find it is not as much of a burden as they anticipate. Call the city and order a recycling bin. If you put it in a place that is convenient and easy to remember to use, your roommates will be more likely to throw cans and bottles in it. By changing your light bulbs to energy efficient ones, you will save money on your electric bill each month, which might interest them. By filtering your water for drinking and cooking, you are protecting yourselves from harmful chemicals. Choose organic for fruit, vegetables, dairy and meat and you can protect yourselves against pesticides.

Not only should you recycle cans and bottles, but recycle the stacks of paper teachers hand out. Chances are you have tons of them lying around and recycling them instead of throwing them away is a great thing for the environment. Recycling cans and bottles is not only good for the environment, but it also can help you make a little extra cash. While buying a hybrid car may not be feasible, there are other ways students can help reduce air pollution. One option is to carpool or share rides with friends when possible.

"I've been seeing this girl at school for a while and I really like her but with summer coming I don't know if I want to have a long distance relationship. Should I break it off now?"

That's pretty unfair to this girl if you do break it off with her. Unless you have a really good reason for breaking it off, like that you are afraid you will cheat on her or you just do not like her anymore, then just give her a chance. Wait until you get home to see what you think. If you are worried you're going to run into a former ex that you might want to rekindle things with, just wait. Your ex might have a new boyfriend or might not feel the same way and you might realize how much you like this girl from school. Consider this too: the girl from school is going to be here when you leave back. You do not want to get back on a bad note, especially if she did not do anything wrong and you still like her. I think you should give the long distance thing a chance. There are always ways to visit each other, meet up with your other friends and still talk. Even if you decide it is just not going to work at least you will be able to say you tried. She probably will not have any hard feelings and you will still be friends in the fall when you return for school or it might even spark back up when you see each other again.

## AMA hosts wine tasting as part of marketing competition



Internet photo  
As part of a marketing competition, the AMA will be sponsoring a wine tasting at Sobo's Wine Bistro on Saturday, April 26.

By Lindsay Sappington  
Staff Writer

The American Marketing Association will be sponsoring a wine tasting at Sobo's Wine Bistro Saturday, April 26, in the effort to win a marketing competition against other AMA team members.

"We are working with an advertising agency called John Yuhnick Associates, and we are split into two teams," said team leader Kelly Rice. "We are challenged to see which team can bring the most guests to Red Roost and Sobo's. We were each given a budget and encouraged to come up with creative marketing and promotional strategies."

The AMA is a society that primarily appeals to marketing or business majors, although it is open to all students. Within this current marketing activity, whichever team does the best promotions wins the competition. "It's basically a professional organization on campus that helps to give students direct marketing experience as well as getting the opportunities to network with local business professionals when they come to our meetings and share their experiences with us," said president Caitlin Keller.

This is the AMA's first year marketing for local companies. "I hope we get a good recommendation from the people who we are advertising now [Red Roost and Sobo's] so that we can take on even more marketing projects next year," said vice president DeAnna Orwig. Team two was scheduled to have two wine tastings, one on April 19, and the other one on Saturday April 26.

"We thought this was a good idea

because Sobo's is a great wine bistro with a classy ambiance and environment," Rice said. "We hope to create awareness specifically towards people who appreciate the wide variety of wines."

"Basically, you'll get a chance to talk to some wine connoisseurs who will tell you all about the varieties and their strengths," said team member Laura Kordzikowski.

There are coupons for the event on Facebook and in the current issue of *The Flyer* that have been developed by both AMA teams that can be redeemed at both restaurants.

"Our current President, Caitlin Keller, really worked hard this year and raised the bar on what is expected of AMA members," Orwig said, "which resulted in a successful year with a great group."

Sobo's Wine Bistro is located about a half a mile away from campus, off of Eastern Shore Drive. Prices to participate in the wine tasting are \$10 per person and reservations are required, (410) 219-1117.

The AMA is also involved in conferences, fundraising, community service, on-campus events and community activities such as NCUR, The Big Event, Adopt A Highway and much more. They also participate annually in the National AMA conference in New Orleans where they won two awards this year in fundraising and community service.

The AMA meets every other Thursday at 3:30 p.m. in Holloway Hall. If you are interested in joining the AMA, come to the first general interest meeting next year. Look for flyers posted next semester for date, time and location.

## Preview

### Multicultural Festival

By Katelyn Johnson  
Staff Writer

On Monday, April 28, SU will kick off its 13th annual Multicultural Festival. "The first week of May has been the traditional week scheduled for the Annual Multicultural Festival. In many countries the first day of May is celebrated as a spring festival which is a time to celebrate the rebirth of life after winter," said Vaughn White, Director of Multicultural Student Services. "The original festival day included the 'Hands Around the Campus' activity which involved the campus gathering at noon to kick the festival off with a symbolic human chain that stretched from Fulton Hall to Devilbiss Hall and Red Square. Although we do not do the 'Hands Around the Campus' Ceremony because of logistics, it is remembered as a time of unity for campus groups."

This year the festival kicks off Monday with keynote speaker San Johnson speaking on understanding diversity.

"Stan's use of materials provides a lively, energetic and exciting workshop that will grab the attention of the participant," White said.

The workshop is open to students, faculty and staff. Monday's festivities will also include a belly dancing workshop, held by Valerie Hue and followed by a professional demonstration by the Salisbury-based Damai Dance Company.

On Tuesday, Rita Campbell will present an introduction to the deaf culture. The following day will host the Diversity Awards Ceremony, where deserving members of the SU community will be recognized for their work supporting diversity. The awards are presented by the Office of Diversity together with the president, provost's office and SGA. Also on Wednesday, in the Great Hall of Holloway Hall, "Honoring the African American Spiritual," will take place.

On Thursday, performers will cover University Hill to celebrate the festival's theme of "Taking Flight with Diversity." Participants will include the SU Step Squad, the Steel Kings, the SU gospel choir and Keith Marks. The celebration will continue in the Bistro with a Caribbean Dinner. Featured foods include crab cakes, rum-glazed ribs, chicken curry, mango cheesecake and key lime pie.

Friday concludes the celebration with a Cinco de Mayo festival, sponsored by the Spanish club, on the Henson lawn. Friday will also hold the annual Relay for Life event. SU has gained a reputation for having one of the top relays in the country and this year should prove to be no different.

"We look at the week as an opportunity for the campus to come together in celebration of its diverse student body," White said.

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Being green cautious with your dishwasher is a good idea. Wait until your dish washer has a full load before turning it on. If you want to purchase one, there are Energy Star-related products that use 25 percent less energy than others. Skipping the pre-rinse cycle will save water and energy. Most dishwashers are powerful enough to take all the grime off. Turning your dishwasher down to 120 degrees will save on energy and not hinder getting the dishes clean. Also, letting your dishes air dry is an equally effective way to get dishware ready for another round of usage.

All of these methods and many more can help your home stay fresh and clean without harming your health or our precious environment. To learn more about being greener, visit [www.gogreen.com](http://www.gogreen.com).

## HEALTH COLUMN

### Go Green Cleaning

By Sarah Brinton  
Staff Writer

In the spirit of spring cleaning and Earth Day, here is a health tip you may not have considered: cleaning in a green way. Cleaning green can also save you some green cash. With gas prices so high these days, we can all afford to save some green. Purchasing baking soda, vinegar and castile soap for your cleaning needs is less expensive than store bought detergents and germ killers. Green cleaning is much better for the environment as well.

Vinegar has a host of uses. Before fabric softeners came out, many women used vinegar instead. We may have products more accessible these days, but people are starting to go back to the old ways of cleaning to help keep our environment green.

Although store bought cleaners do cut through scum and any germs, they have their downsides. According to the Department of the Interior ([www.dio.org](http://www.dio.org)), using many kinds of store bought cleaners can possibly cause respiratory disorders, allergies, kidney damage, liver damage, irritation of skin and eyes, poisoning, blindness and nausea. The DIO recommends using alternatives for interior cleaning.

For example, this window and mirror cleaner recipe plus others can be found at: [www.metrokc.gov/HEALTH/asthma/facts/greencleaning.htm](http://www.metrokc.gov/HEALTH/asthma/facts/greencleaning.htm).

Window and mirror cleaner:  
White vinegar, Water, Newspaper (crumpled)

Fill spray bottle with 1/4 cup of white vinegar then fill to the top with water. Shake bottle to combine. Spray on the surface. Rub with a lint-free rag or a towel and mopped up newspaper page. For outdoor windows, use a sponge and wash with warm water with a few drops of liquid castile soap in it. Rinse well and squeeze dry.

Hospitals for a Healthy Environment stated that some ingredients in cleaning products are associated with toxicity to aquatic organisms. Volatile organic compounds (VOCs) released from cleaning products contribute to smog formation, and VOC content is regulated in some jurisdictions for this reason.

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## .....People Making A Difference~~Alison Miller.....

By Katie Murphy  
Staff Writer

Alison Miller is committed to making a difference in other people's lives. Since the age of 14, Miller has committed herself to helping others through volunteering. Miller started volunteering at Anna's House, where housing for Harford County homeless women and their children is provided. Throughout the seven years that Miller volunteered at Anna's house, she mentored and tutored children.

Miller was given the exceptional honor of becoming the Children's Program Coordinator for Anna's House before the required age of 21. As Children's Program Coordinator, Miller coordinated volunteers, obtained donations and arranged for mentors to work with children.

"The children open up as soon as they are away from their parents," Miller said.

Miller took kids two days a week when their moms were being counseled and allowed them to open up to her and express their feelings.

It was at SU that Miller found her calling as a social work major. "I just knew the summer after my freshman year," she said.

While at Salisbury, Miller has taken on even more responsibilities and organized many programs to benefit local children. Miller worked as a mentor with the Title 1 program, which works with schools that have a high percentage of kids who receive free lunches and have very low MSA scores.



Adrienne Price photo  
Social work major Allison Miller

From this experience Miller was able to grow, and eventually started her own program, the Pinchurst Pink Ladies. As part of this program, Miller works with fifth grade girls from Pinchurst Elementary. The girls are nominated by their teachers as students who need help with behavioral problems or children who need to "come out of their shell," Miller said.

Miller's program helps small groups of girls work on a wide range of behavioral issues such as alternatives to fighting. Miller soon came to the realization that starting to work with

children in fifth grade, "was almost too late to start teaching them about coping skills and about sex."

Miller's program currently works with third, fourth and fifth graders, due to its success. "We do the same sort of stuff, just more age appropriate," she said.

Miller also volunteers in the Beyond the Limits program. This program works in conjunction with Salisbury University's football team. Teachers nominate children in their classes that they think have excellent leadership skills, or children who need to devel-

op leadership skills. The students who are picked come to Salisbury University and are taught how to rock climb.

"Then we take them on a tour, to expose them to higher education, something that they never might have been exposed to before," Miller said. Afterwards they get to eat lunch in the Commons with some members of the football team. "It's a big deal, the kids love it and get autographs," Miller said.

Most recently Miller and social work intern Nicole Hanley have started another program for local children which focuses on the homeless at Pinchurst Elementary. It's called Ladies 2 Lunch. A lot of the girls are in kinship care, an alternative to foster care. The girls that are picked to participate in the program are girls that need extra inspiration. These girls are given mentors and are taught about etiquette and how to act in a business setting. The girls will ultimately eat at Flavors of Italy on April 25, during the lunch hour rush and will be surrounded by business people.

"They are all going to wear matching pink shirts and bring the purses they made," Miller said. This event will give the girls the opportunity to be able to go out to eat and experience something new.

Miller hopes to find a job in the Baltimore area and to be able to continue to help troubled children.

"My biggest thrill is when an exceptionally difficult girl comes to me one day and it just clicks and she just starts crying," Miller said.

## Club Spotlight

### ENVIRONMENTAL STUDENT ASSOCIATION

By Kellie Madden  
Staff Writer

SU's Environmental Students Association (ESA) is dedicated to making the University a greener and more environmentally friendly institution.

"Our goals are to create awareness and solutions for the many issues facing our planet today, to create an atmosphere where concerned students can be heard and connections can be made, and to connect with other enviro groups and to promote growth and understanding of our environment," said Virginia Gambrell, president of ESA.



Adrienne Price photo

The Environmental Student Association meets every Thursday at 6:30 p.m. in Nanticoke Room C on the second floor of the GUC.

Gambrell said the ESU tries to get involved in activities that are related to both SU and the community, such as: movie screenings, camping trips, discussions, Critical Mass, campaigning, activist events and protests, advocacy and basically anything else dealing with the environment. "We think globally, act locally" so to say, she added. "We also throw some really awesome parties."

Meetings for the group are held for planning and discussing. Most discussion during the meetings is related to the environment but Gambrell said members also enjoy talking about politics and current events.

The group stays active with involvement in a number of events. "Last year we joined a grassroots, student campaign, The Maryland Student Climate Coalition (MSCC)," Gambrell said. "Their goal was to create and pass a policy of carbon

enviro friendly means of transportation."

The ESA currently has about 10 active members; however anyone is welcome to join. Gambrell said most group members are studying in the Environmental Issues field, but she added that even those who know nothing about the earth can join. "We are open to everyone and anyone," Gambrell said. Meetings are every Thursday at 6:30 p.m. in Nanticoke Room C on the second floor of the GUC.

"I think everyone in the club would like to see the general political and social apathy that's rampant at SU make a 180," Gambrell said. "We'd like the ESA to become one of the most active and interesting groups on campus. And of course make everyone conscious of how they effect the environment and what they can do to help."

## Dr. Richard J.M. Blackett shares research on escaped slaves

By Kristin Hawkins  
Staff Writer

On April 15, at 7 p.m. students, staff, and members of the Salisbury community gathered in the Wicomico Room to hear a lecture by Vanderbilt University professor Dr. Richard J.M. Blackett titled, "Taking Leave: Fugitive Slaves and the Politics of Slavery, 1850-1860."

The lecture was sponsored by the Edward H. Nabb Research Center for Delaware History and Culture as part of The Washburn Distinguished Lecture Series. Interim Director of the center, Dr. Ray Thompson opened the lecture giving the audience some background information about the center. Following him, history professor Emily Story introduced Dr. Blackett.

An older gentleman, with an exotic Trinidadian accent, Dr. Blackett captivated his audience with historical information as well as jokes and funny things

he'd found in his research. Dr. Blackett's research primarily focuses on slave's roles in their own freedom.

"New work looks at the effects of slaves themselves, what they did for their own freedom," Dr. Blackett told his audience.

Dr. Blackett is particularly interested in the escape of slaves during 1850 when the Fugitive Slave Law was passed. The law required that runaway slaves be returned to their owners, even if they had made it to the Free States.

"By stealing themselves, they were stealing the property of the one they called their master," Dr. Blackett explained.

He arrived armed with lecture notes and slides of newspaper advertisements that distracted him from finding the advertisements for escaped slaves. Of course, Dr. Blackett shared these with his audience. There were ads selling a don-

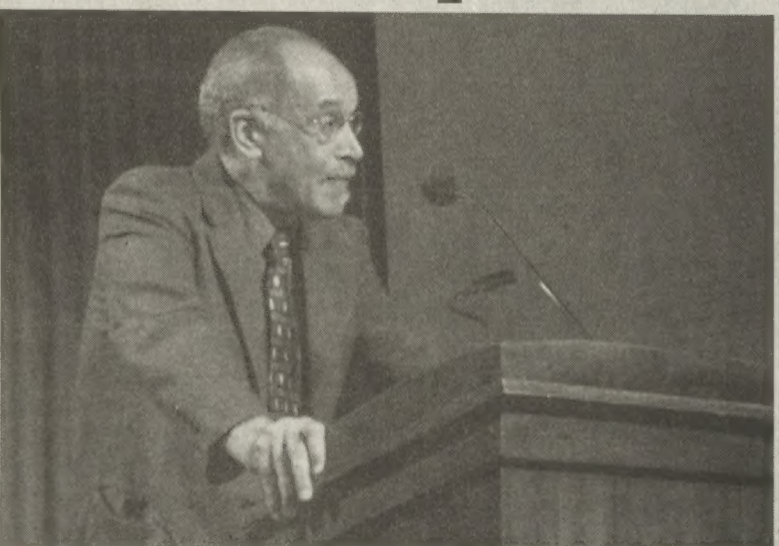
key, medical ailments, a reward for information on men watching schoolgirls from a hotel lobby, a man offering wife tanning and even a scorned wife warning women to stay away from her husband because he was sleeping around with Black women.

"You see why it took me so long, all this stuff and nothing about slaves yet," Dr. Blackett joked.

He told several historical accounts of how slaves escaped. Some were assisted by White abolitionists, others by other slaves or free Blacks, but there is overwhelming evidence that many slaves escaped without help from anyone else at all. This may have had some effect on the numerous success stories that involve escaped slaves.

"It was assumed that Blacks could not act alone," Dr. Blackett said.

Slave owners concerned themselves more with abolitionists that would coerce the slave into running than notice



Adrienne Price photo  
Dr. Blackett's presentation was an installment of The Washburn Distinguished Lecture Series hosted by the Nabb Research Center.

ing that the slaves could think for themselves without the assistance of anyone else.

"It was very entertaining and well put together, I learned a lot," said graduate student Nathan Harned.



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SU student Christina Cooper and the ladies of Operation Wallacea paint faces at the Salisbury Zoo's Earth Day celebration on Saturday.



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Jon Julian looks for a good deal at the RHA flea market in Red Square Wednesday.



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The men of Alpha Sigma Phi prepare to participate in the chariot race, a Greek Week event.



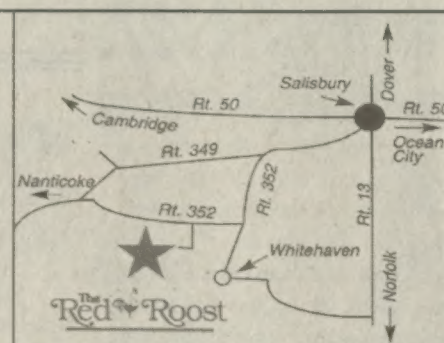
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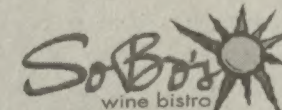
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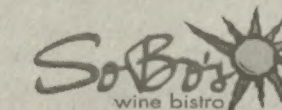
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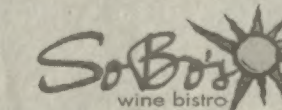
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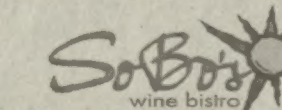
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# SPORTS

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## Student Athlete Spotlight..... Sam Singleton

Sam Singleton, a senior at Salisbury University, is a fantastic track runner and is from Baltimore. Sam grew up in Baltimore County with his older sister. Sam is a pre-med student at Salisbury and has run for the Gulls all four years of attendance. He attended Cardinal Gibbons High School and played football along with track. He started to run track his sophomore year of high school and has run ever since. "When I won my first race, I loved the feeling. I had to keep doing it," Singleton said. Sam was captain of his high school team in both his junior and senior seasons. He lost his last race as a senior during championships and knew he wanted to pursue a running career in college. Sam runs the 4x100m, 400m, 200m, and the 4x400m for the Sea Gulls. He helped the Gulls lock up a conference championship last year with a win in the 200-meter dash. Singleton has had a great senior season. He was most recently named CAC athlete of the week for the week of April 8. During that week, Sam set

a new school record in the 400-meter dash with a time of 48.74 seconds and was apart of the record setting 4x100 meter relay team with a time of 3:23.24.

### What is your favorite meal?

I love mom's homemade macaroni and cheese, steak, and chicken parmesan.

### Who is your inspiration?

My mother, Michael Johnson, and Michael Jordan.

### What is your favorite college memory?

Running track, I met a lot of great friends. If I had to say one memory it would be winning the 200m dash at Conference Championships last year.

### How much do you run in a week?

I run seven days a week at least an hour and a half a day.

Do you have a favorite animal?  
I don't really like animals too much.

What do you like to do in your free time?  
I like to watch movies, sleep, and hang out with friends.

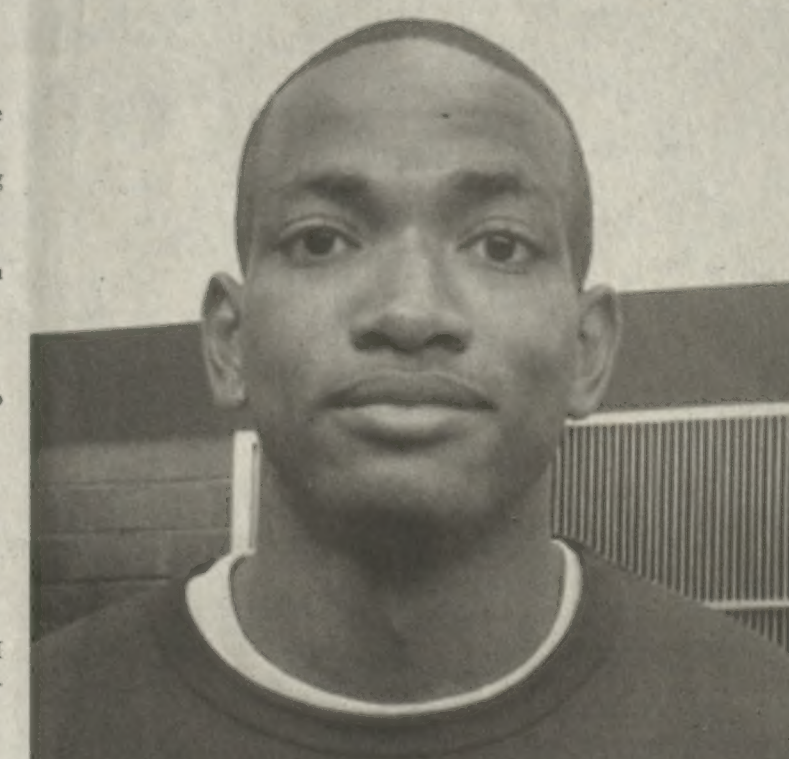
What did you want to be when you were growing up?  
An astronaut.

What kind of music do you like to listen to?  
R&B and rap.

Do you have any favorite runners?  
Michael Johnson and Jeremy Wariner.

What are your plans after college?  
Going to physical therapy school. I plan to own a clinic of my own one day.

Do you want to coach after college?  
I am definitely going to coach after college.



Teclia Taylor photo  
Track and Field runner Sam Singleton

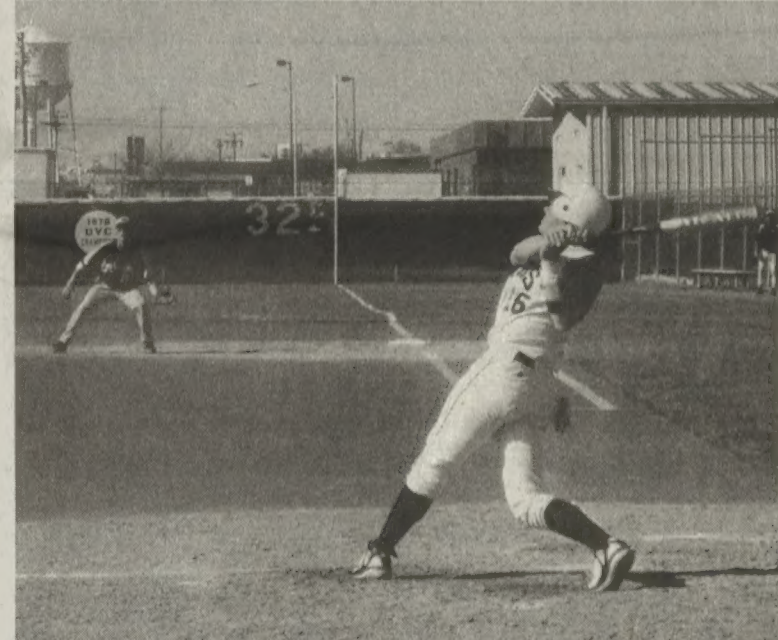
## Baseball steals CAC title from UMW Go on to play Christopher Newport

By Shawn Nisson  
Staff Writer

The No. 5 nationally ranked Salisbury University baseball team was hard at work this past week during the CAC championship tournament. To earn a spot in the conference championship, the Gulls had to down three familiar foes; first York on Tuesday, St. Mary's on Thursday and Mary Washington on Saturday. SU later

8-6. The Gulls went up early scoring four runs in the first four innings. UMW fought back putting up back-to-back three run innings in the fifth and sixth.

With the Eagles up 6-5 in the bottom of the seventh inning, Boyle (3-for-4, three runs, RBI) doubled with one out. After Boyle stole third, Celenza (1-for-3) stepped up and was hit by a pitch. With runners now on the corners, Arminger (3-for-5, five RBIs)



Andrew Baker photo

Salisbury's hot offense helped carry them on their way to another Capital Athletic Conference championship.

met UMW twice on Sunday to determine the CAC champion. They went on to win their third straight CAC title by knocking off UMW 20-5.

The Gulls fell behind early to York on Tuesday, surrendering a first inning run. SU exploded for 12 runs in the sixth and seventh innings combined. Freshman Andrew Miller went 3-for-4 on the day with a run scored and three RBIs.

The Gulls went on to win 13-1 behind excellent pitching from junior Eric Willey, who went the distance on the mound allowing just one unearned run on four hits.

Thursday's contest was a bit more contentious for the Gulls as they had to hold off a late surge from St. Mary's to hang on and win 4-3. The Gulls struck first, pushing two runs across the plate in their first at-bat. With two runners in scoring position, Arminger delivered singling down the left field line, to give Salisbury a 2-0 advantage. Freshman Will Evans started the sixth with a single through the left side. Crystal then singled to left center bringing home the freshman. The two squads would each get a run in the eighth, leaving St. Mary's down 4-2. An error by Crystal allowed St. Mary's to come around and score, making it a 4-3 contest. Willey came in from the bullpen to secure the save.

On Saturday, the Gulls solidified their spot in their ninth straight CAC title game by defeating UMW roped a two-run double down the left field line. Arminger's double won the game for the Gulls 8-6. On Sunday the Gulls faced off twice against UMW for the CAC championship. UMW (16-15) defeated SU in the day's first game, but a double elimination style tournament allowed SU another chance at knocking off UMW. In the first game, SU held a 14-8 lead going in the bottom half of the seventh. UMW's Espinosa homered to left to start off the inning and UMW never looked back going on to score seven runs. UMW was able to steal game one from the Gulls and force another game for the CAC title. In the deciding game of the CAC championship, SU easily defeated UMW 20-5. Boyle, who went 3-for-4 on the day with three runs scored and 6 RBIs, led SU. Crystal scored for the Gulls in the first giving them an early lead. SU put up eight runs in the third on five hits. Sophomore Matt O'Keefe's double and a Celenza 2 RBI hit up the middle helped spur the SU offensive explosion. SU had another big inning in the sixth when they scored seven runs. Boyle hit a grand slam igniting the big inning. Willey picked up the win in the championship game going eight strong, giving up only six hits, four runs, and two walks. SU picked up their third consecutive CAC championship. The Gulls next play host to Christopher Newport University on Saturday, April 26 at 1 p.m. at Sea Gull Field.

## Track and Field grab fifth straight CAC title

By Rachel Grau  
Staff Writer

On Saturday April 19, the men and women's track and field teams traveled to York College of Pennsylvania to compete in the CAC championship meet. After a hard fought battle against York College, University of Mary Washington, Wesley College, and Hood College, the men's team came in first with 246 points, capturing their fifth straight CAC championship, and the women's team came in a close second behind University of Mary Washington with 198 points.

The women's throwers were led by freshman Melissa Stansbury, who came in first in the women's shot put with a throw of 10.74 meters and the women's discus throw with a throw of 34.5 meters. Junior Jenn Bulger led the women

jumpers by placing first in the women's high jump. Freshman Masha Berge took first in the 10,000 meter run, and sophomore, All-American Victoria Lawson finished first in the women's 400 meter dash with a time of 58.91. The women's team went on to finish second for the second consecutive year.

Sophomore Christian Adams took first in the men's javelin with a throw of 59.59 meters. Adams' win secured him a place on the first team all-conference squad for field events.

Sophomore Brandon Fugett, who is now a three time CAC champion, led the men's throwing team by coming in first in the men's shot put with a throw of 14.28 meters, the men's discus throw with a throw of 45.9 meters, and the men's hammer throw with a distance of 44.2 meters. Freshman Brandon Lane was the

leading jumper for the men's team, placing first in the men's triple jump with a distance of 13.43 meters. Lane scored a place on the first team all-conference squad.

The Salisbury men's 4x100 meter relay team, which seemed to feel no pressure from the competition, placed first in the 4x100 meter dash with a time of 41.04 seconds. The men's 4x100 meter relay team has the second-fastest time in the country this season.

Sophomore sprinter Delanice Spriggs won the men's 100 meter dash, sophomore Bill Nastasiak won the men's 3000 meter steeplechase, senior Eric Graves took first in the 1500 meter run, senior Sam Singleton won the 400 meter dash, and senior Colton Vander Vliet took first in the men's 400 meter hurdles, all scoring first place finishes and helping to secure a fifth straight CAC title for the men's team.

## SU takes game one of CAC tournament

By Jeffrey Southworth  
Sports Editor

The No. 1-ranked Salisbury University women's lacrosse team (18-0, 7-0 CAC) defeated conference rival and No. 22-ranked University of Mary Washington, 17-12, on Thursday. Later in the week, SU rolled past Hood College 22-0 in the first round of the 2008 CAC tournament.

Against UMW, senior Robyn Bishop had a career-game finishing with seven points on six goals and one assist. The Sea Gulls outscored the Eagles 13-4 in the second half after being behind 8-4 at the half. SU battled back from their first half-time deficit of the season to close out the regular season undefeated and knock off UMW 17-12.

Senior Jessica Liston finished the final regular season game with two goals, while sophomore Kim Cudmore added three goals and one assist. SU junior goalie Sonja Stuart made six saves on 22 Eagle shots. Stuart started every game this season and finished with a perfect 17-0 record.

The Sea Gulls returned to the CAC

Senior, All-American Sue Ackermann finished with three goals and three assists. Ackermann is now only one point shy of passing her team-high 119 points from last season and is only 13 points behind the

on showcase not allowing one shot on goal the entire game. SU finished the game with 31 shots on goal including 22 in the first half. Out of the 22 shots SU took in the first half, they converted 15 of them. The Sea Gulls went into the half up 15-0.

The second half followed the same speed on the first. SU put up seven more goals. Ackermann led by racking up seven points. Ackermann scored two goals and her unselfish play led to five assists. Senior Allison Sofranko and Liston scored three goals apiece in the Sea Gulls victory.

SU will next play host to the quarterfinals on Tuesday, April 22. The Sea Gulls are five-time CAC defending champions. The Gulls enter the quarterfinals of the CAC tournament behind an 18 game winning streak, the longest in Division III.

The Sea Gulls returned to the CAC

record of 9-1.

"It would be nice to win the conference for the first time in eight years. We're ready for it," Lupinetti said.

On Sunday afternoon the Sea Gulls dropped the CAC championship game to UMW 7-2. UMW's win marks their ninth straight CAC championship. In singles, Thomas was the only Sea Gull to win a match. Thomas defeated UMW's Eddie Carver 6-2, 7-5. At No. 1 singles, Kincaid dropped to UMW's John James 3-6, 7-6, (7-4), 6-1. In doubles competition, SU's team of junior Matt Nicholson and Thomas were the only Gulls to see victory with their win over Jason Dunn and James 8-2. SU's No. 1 doubles pair of Burdett and Kincaid dropped 8-5 to UMW's Randy Loden and Kaz Munata. The Gulls finished the season ranked 22 in the country and third in the region.

Being arguably the world's biggest basketball fan, I lost my need for sports athletics after their season, but I wasn't too late to enjoy the spring athletic season and performances turned in by such athletes as Kaylor Berkman and Delanice Spriggs. If you have missed out on this athletic year come back next year prepared to wear maroon and gold and make an effort to attend every sports game possible and enjoy them because in the end, winning never gets old.

## Editor's Column

Winning never  
gets old



Jeffrey Southworth  
Sports Editor

Last Thursday when I was deciding what to wear to for the day I found something in my bottom drawer under a blue Peyton Manning jersey that I tucked away and forgot about after Salisbury's 7-20 basketball season: my school spirit.

I unfolded my creased, maroon "Got Gulls" shirt and wore it under my Salisbury University hoodie. I was excited to don our sometimes less than intimidating mascot name on my chest. I was even more excited that afternoon when I watched our national champion lacrosse team completely crush York 20-7 in the CAC semifinals.

Salisbury University is experiencing what very few colleges and universities do, complete excellence and domination in every sport. This spring, Salisbury has run through the CAC. Salisbury athletics earned five No. 1 seeds in the CAC tournaments in baseball, men's lacrosse, women's lacrosse, men's tennis, and softball.

SU played host to fourteen home playoff games seeing every No. 1 seed advance to the conference championship.

Before I took the time to watch our Sea Gulls attempt to bring home CAC gold, I witnessed our program dominate the fall scene by winning four CAC championships. Field hockey, men's cross country, men's soccer, and volleyball all gave SU fans reasons to cheer.

CAC championships are familiar ground for the spring Sea Gull athletes and programs. Four teams entered this week's championships as the defending champions.

SU's baseball team has put together one of the most impressive winning streaks in all of sports. By winning 35 straight games, SU put together the nation's longest baseball winning streak. The team was incredibly fun to watch this season. I have always been a fan of the sport, but the Gulls made baseball fun. Behind the bats of Arminger and Miller and the excitement of 27 team home runs, the SU offense turned an otherwise boring sport into an action packed day at Sea Gull Field.

SU softball was another diamond full of excitement this season. On 27 different days, the Sea Gulls gave fans something to cheer about. The softball team also rewarded fans and the university with the excitement of the home run, hitting 36 as a team. Waskewicz led the team with 16. If you have not seen a softball game, you've missed a magical season by the sophomore short stop Waskewicz. The All-American batted .470, hit 16 homers, and drove in 36 runs.

SU athletics has received most their recognition from the men's lacrosse team and deservedly so. This season was particularly exciting to be a part of SU continued to completely blow away lesser skilled teams but games against the nation's top-ranked teams such as Gettysburg and St. Lawrence have made this season extremely fun and just as competitive.

Being arguably the world's biggest basketball fan, I lost my need for sports athletics after their season, but I wasn't too late to enjoy the spring athletic season and performances turned in by such athletes as Kaylor Berkman and Delanice Spriggs. If you have missed out on this athletic year come back next year prepared to wear maroon and gold and make an effort to attend every sports game possible and enjoy them because in the end, winning never gets old.



## SU softball wins twelfth straight CAC title

By Alex Ruoff  
Staff Writer

The top-seeded SU softball team (28-7, CAC 11-1) took down both Wesley College and Mary Washington in the second and third round of the Capital Athletic Conference last week to advance to the finals where they would take on third seeded Mary Washington for the second time in two days on Sunday afternoon.

The Gulls started the tournament after a first-round bye last Thursday in a 6-0 shutout against Wesley. Sophomore Kelly Waskewicz tied the school record for career home runs with her 16th of the season and 33rd of her career to start off the scoring for SU in the first inning.

"I just play ever game," Waskewicz said. "Try to go for those singles, but they decide to go over. It's good; it's an accomplishment as a sophomore to be tied for the record. It means that I have two more years to build on it."

SU added a run in both the third and fourth inning and three more in fifth when sophomore Lauren Brennenman hit a three-run homer.



Andrew Baker photo

Softball wins another title.

Junior Stacey Davis (16-3) threw four scoreless innings until being relieved by senior Kortni Pedlow.

Saturday's game was not as easy, but the Gulls were able to overcome a 3-1 deficit to stay a top of the tournament.

Eagles pitcher Kirsten Rowell (17-9) gave up only four hits and struck out four to keep the Gulls at bay until the sixth inning where she threw three walks and hit two batters to give up three runs off no hits.

"Their pitcher pitched a beautiful game," head coach Margie Knight said. "We chose to change our philosophy at bat and were more patient and it paid off."

It went into the eighth inning where junior Stacey Malarkey made her way to third off a walk via a passed ball and a sacrifice from freshman Kristin Lord. Malarkey scored her third run of the day on a single down the right field line by sophomore Ali Ritter to end the game 4-3.

The Sea Gulls went on to defeat UMW on Sunday for the CAC championship 8-0. Waskewicz led the offensive attack for the Gulls by going 4-for-4 with two runs and two RBIs. Waskewicz led an offense that totaled 13 hits on the day. Ritter added three hits and two RBIs.

Pedlow went the distance for the Gulls on the mound throwing six scoreless innings while over giving up three hits. Pedlow picked up her ninth win on the year boosting the Sea Gulls to their twelfth straight CAC championship.

## VICTORY: Men's LAX does it again



Andrew Baker photo

Salisbury University men's lacrosse pounded Villa Julie 20 - 10 for their 14th straight CAC championship.

By Philip Speake  
Staff Writer

The Salisbury men's lacrosse team (17-0, 7-0 CAC) captured their fourteenth straight Capital Athletic Conference title on Sunday April 20, with a 20-10 victory over Villa Julie College at Sea Gull stadium. The game was tight throughout the first half, as senior Greg Titus tallied the first two goals. One of which came on a beautiful reverse shot from just outside the crease. Going into the second quarter the game was tied up at three.

Salisbury tightened up their defense for the middle part of the game allowing only eight shots in the second and third periods. As a unit they scooped 24 ground balls in the two periods, with 16 coming in the third quarter. In return, the offense scored nine times in the third, on only 17 shots essentially putting the game away. Coming out of the half, sophomore Mike Von Kamecke scored the first of his four goals making the lead 9-5. Senior Matt Hickman followed up registering his second goal of the game just moments later. Salisbury began to pull away as senior defenseman Ryan Brown fired in another goal, this time erupting the bench and the fans in celebration adding a little "Sea Gull flap" dance. The Gulls held a 17-5 lead heading into the fourth quarter after goals from seven different players. VJC only had two shots in the third quarter as the defense

stayed away from man down situations. "That was the difference from last game, we had to stop getting penalties," Brown said. Anchoring that strong defense was Brown, senior Ryan Phillips and junior Kevin Maynard who delivered a huge hit late in the third.

Junior Kylor Berkman was all over the field throughout the entire game. He ended the day with four assists and one goal. The All-American was getting hit hard by the defense all day, yet managed to create opportunities for the attack.

Head Coach Jim Berkman is still undefeated in CAC play since SU joined the conference back in 1995. Salisbury defeated VJC 13-12 earlier in the season, in one of their closest games of the year. "They know how to win, they are well coached," Berkman said. "Today goal-tending was the difference from last time." He is now focused on next weekend's opponent Washington College for the annual War on the Shore game, being held at Sea Gull Stadium on April 26. "The place to be at one o'clock is Sea Gull Stadium," Berkman said, adding he was probably going to have to calm the players down in the coming week getting ready for the rivalry game since it is at home and a large crowd is expected.

With another season of perfection possible, Salisbury clinched a bid to the NCAA tournament and with the win is guaranteed a chance to defend their National Championship from last year.

## Tennis finishes second in CAC

By Therran Dennis  
Staff Writer

The Salisbury women's tennis team gave a dominating performance against St. Mary's College in Thursday afternoon's CAC tournament semifinals, as they blanked the Seahawks 9-0.

The Sea Gulls, who were No. 13 in the region coming into the tournament, started the day off by making easy pickings against their opponents in doubles competition. The Gulls got an early 2-0 lead, thanks to the dynamic duo of sophomore Jackie Burr and junior Anna Marie Kable, who defeated their opponents 8-3. The next set of points was earned by the doubles teams of juniors Hannah Parsons and Robyn Wendell, and junior Lauren Bakker and freshman Angela Tenaglia, as they defeated their opponents 8-4, and 8-3, respectively.

The singles round of competition went just as swift and sweet as the doubles round. Sophomore Kelly Fahrner, the No. 1 seed of the afternoon, led the way for Gulls with a dominating 6-0, 6-1 victory against the Seahawks' Sarah Weisse. Parsons, the second seed, and who had competed in doubles competition earlier, defeated the Seahawks' Michelle Compton with scores of 6-3, 6-2. Sophomore Kristen King, the third seed, defeated Monica Powell 6-1, 6-1. Tenaglia, the fourth seed, won her match easily with a 6-0, 6-2 final. Freshman Julia Glanz, the fifth seed, rallied from behind in her match to

defeat her opponent 6-3, 6-1. Finally junior Lauren Bakker, the final seed of the day, dusted off her opponent 6-0, 6-1.

Although the glorious afternoon was huge for the Gulls as a whole, it was that much more special for Parsons. Parsons, who played her last home court match of her collegiate career, reflected on the event, "The team played well," Parsons said. "We were able to win comfortably in our last home match of the season."

The Gulls found themselves in the conference championship against the University of Mary Washington on Saturday. The Gulls fell short to UMW 8-1. UMW has finished first in five consecutive seasons. This was the fourth time SU has finished second to UMW in the past five seasons.

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Juniors Parsons and Wendell were shut-out 8-0 at second doubles against UMW's Megan Lawlor and Kate Malpeli. Fahrner and Iosue battled back and went on to defeat UMW's duo of Courtney Goimarac and Stacey Rickard, 8-5. SU's top doubles team of Kable and Burr also came up short against UMW losing their match 8-5 against the team of Natalia Fugate and Becky Morse-Karzen.

SU was unable to grab wins in singles play. Kable lost at No. 1 singles 6-3, 6-1 against Morse-Karzen.

The loss to UMW concludes the season for SU. The team set a new record with 16 wins. SU finished second in the conference and finished 5-1 during the CAC regular season.



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Junior Anna Marie Kable serves the ball against the Eagles at the CAC championship. SU finished 2nd in the CAC behind UMW.

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Tuesday-4/22	Wednesday-4/23	Thursday-4/24	Friday-4/25	Saturday-4/26	Sunday-4/27	Monday-4/28
* Women's LAX vs TBA (CAC Tournament - Second Round)  * Softball @ Gettysburg 3:30 PM	* Men's Tennis @ Washington (Md.) 3:30 PM  * Men's Tennis @ Goucher 3:30 PM	* Outdoor Track vs. Penn Relays @ University of Penn. TBA	* Outdoor Track @ Penn Relays (Pa.)  * Women's LAX vs. TBA (CAC Tournament - Championship)	* Outdoor Track @ Penn Relays (Pa.) * Women's LAX vs. TBA (CAC Tournament - Championship) * Baseball vs. Christopher Newport 1 PM * Men's LAX @ Washington (Md.) 1 PM		